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PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW.

A STUDIOUS THINKER AND SCHOLARLY GENTLEMAN BOLDLY

SPEAKS OUT WITH FACTS THAT WE

Should Know Concerning the Language We Use—The Kind to Speak and How to Speak it—Sententious Utterances a Great Fault—Useful Information.

Language is a dangerous and a deadly thing with which to play. By means of language we as frequently convey ideas that we do not wish to convey as we do those which we actually desire to communicate. The words in which a speaker clothes his thoughts some times effectively disguise his thoughts and cause them to be mistaken for something very different from what they are. Those who seek to reach the average reader of our race periodicals and to convey to such an one any particular ideas, notions or thoughts should use the utmost care in the selection of his words, the formation and arrangement of his sentences and the employment of figures of speech. He should bear in mind that, for the average reader, his words should have but one plain and readily apparent meaning. The average reader does not take note of qualifying expressions nor perecive the delicate shades of meaning that our language is capable of conveying to the more cultured minds.

A splendid illustration of this truth is furnished by a dispute that took place between an elder and a bishop, which was due to the failure of the latter to take in the qualified utterance of his subordinate. The elder remarked, "I think that a preacher should learn to suit his method of delivering the gospel to the people to whom he is sent." The bishop tartly replied, "the gospel is not to be altered to suit any one, but must be preached straight and unadulterated to all."

The good bishop did not apprehend that the elder referred to "the method of delivery," and not to the gospel. A long argument ensued, and the elder was at last constrained to say, "I see Bishop, that you are right." He did not mean this, but said it to end a dispute that could but result in his own personal hurt. Deep down in his heart was the opinion that the bishop possessed a dull mind.

Just as this good and learned bishop mistook the meaning of his subordinate, so, also, do the average readers mistake the meaning of articles which they read in our papers. Many a writer is censured by those who would praise him did they understand the real meaning of his words.

Physicians write prescriptions in a language and in symbols which the laity cannot understand at all in order to avoid the gross errors which would follow were the patient to be able to think that he understood.

The physician cannot take his patient into his confidence unless that patient be a person of unusual intelligence. The same thing is true of a statesman's dealings with his constituents, of a manager's dealings with his subord'nates and of a leader's dealings with his followers.

A general does not explain to his army the reason for particular orders which he may issue.

Brokers and speculators prefer to have as personal servants individuals to whom their conversation is an almost unknown tongue.

There are many questions which the leading thinkers of our race discuss through our papers, which are intended for a particular class of readers only and which are not intended for the general reader. The unfortunate feature is that such articles are frequently read by those who misapprehend them and who are consequently misled.

In many of our race newspaper offices language is held in such little reverence that persons wholly incompetent are employed as proof-readers and thus writers are sometimes made to say the most contradictory and absurd things. As a rule the Afro-American is as careless about his language as he is about his person and we frequently find that a college training does as little to eradicate the one defect as it does the other.

I write this article with the hope that it will find its way into many papers that often do me the honor to quote some of my utterances.

We are too much given to the use of sententious utterances and to the employment of superlatives. We should all be more careful to say just what we mean in the simplest and clearest words and we should be more careful, also, to give to what we read the meaning which the words are actually intended to convey. When improvement is made along these lines it will not be so difficult to get our leading men to commit their thoughts to print.

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86 Vanderbilt ave., Brooklyn.

A Fitting Tribute.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.—Mrs. Minnie Parks is quite ill. * * Mrs. Simon is improving from a severe attack of lagrippe. * * Mrs. C. F. Sanders spent a few days in Grand Rapids. * * Mrs. Anna Stafford is the guest of Mrs. Ed Thompson, of Oshtemo. * * The valentine concert at the A. M. E. church was a grand success. The committee on arrangements were Mrs. John Thurman, Miss Cora Thurman, Mrs. Eddie Robbins and Mrs. Jessie Harris. * * The concert given in honor of the Van Ford family, who were driven out of their home a few weeks ago, was a grand success. The public has helped the family in every way. * * Mrs. Martha Brown and daughter Dora, of Arlington, are the guest of their aunty and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bradley. * * The memorial meeting Monday evening, Feb. 14, held in honor of Frederick Douglass by the Douglass Club at the Second Baptist church was a success, the program being the best ever given in this city by a colored organization. The following was the program: Opening chorus, "America;" prayer by the pastor; song, "Onward," by a chorus choir; "A Sketch of the Life and Character of Frederick Douglass," by Rev. T. C. Johnson; "A Thousand Years, My Old Columbia," solo by W. F. Cousins; eulogy, Miss Mabel Hill; letters of greeting eulogistic in character from Mrs. Frederick Douglass, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. L. H. Stone, president of the Twentieth Century Club; Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane, pastor of The People's church, and R. C. Barnes, of the law firm of Barnes & Stormes, Detroit, were read by Mrs. S. S. Wheatly. "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," solo and chorus, by W. F. Cousins and choir; a poem to Frederick Douglass by Paul Dunbar, read by Mr. Johnson; vocal duet, Mrs. Minnie Christmon and Miss Scott; tributes by the members of the club. Following is a copy of the letter sent by Mrs. Douglass:

Cedar Hill, Anacostia, D. C., Feb. 10, 1898.—To the President and Members of the Frederick Douglass Club, Kalamazoo, Mich. Ladies and Gentlemen: I gratefully accept your kind invitation to participate, by letter, in the memorial services to be held by you on the 14th inst. in honor of Mr. Douglass.

To fittingly remember such a character is a sacred duty, as is the earnest contemplation of its achievements and of the motives impelling and governing its action. There was no conflict between the public and private careers of Mr. Douglass. Both were marked by the most scrupulous regard to truth and the most unhesitating devotion to duty. Never was personal ambition allowed to come between a duty and its performance and never has the world shown fifty years of public service more conscientionly and more absolutely controlled by unflinching adherence to principle. Mr. Douglass never broke political faith. His was the steadfast of the rock, against which the surging of the political sea dashed in vain, and political compromises slunk down out of sight.

As young men and women aiming to be useful citizens of this republic, I pray you study well the character of Frederick Douglass and, as his honored name is inscribed upon your banner, so may his unswerving integrity and his loyalty to truth and virtue be not only written upon, but inwrought into your hearts.

I am most sincerely and truly your,
HELEN DOUGLASS.

The regular meeting of the club will be held next Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hill. The subject for consideration will be Holland. The Club desires to thank those who in any way contributed to the memorial program.

Personal Mention.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special—Rev. Mrs. Sensabough has returned from Colera, Ala., where she spent four pleasant weeks. * * C. G. Jackson, of Barton, Ala., was in the city Saturday. * * Mr. Thompson, of Dickson, Ala., spent a few days here last week. * * Miss Lula Thompson and Mrs. Chas. Roberson are on the sick list. * * Mrs. J. A. Minor of Courtland, Ala., is visiting her relatives. * * Misses F. Bates and E. L. Pruitt, of Leighton, Ala., were in the city Saturday. * * The Baptist Sunday-school gave a profitable supper on the 17th. * * The Junior Stewardess Board of the A. M. E. church, realized a handsome sum from their entertainment on the 18th. * * Colbert County Teachers' Institute meets at Leighton, Ala., March 18 and 19. Every progressive teacher in the county will be present.

Big Success.

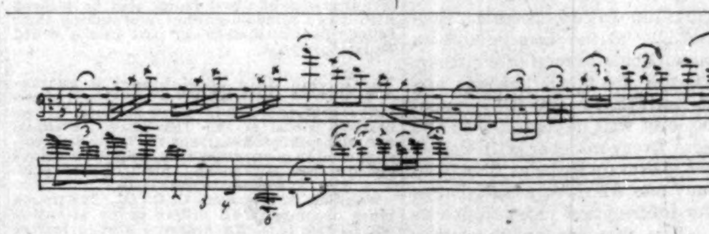
Winchester, Tenn., Special.—Quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. church on the 12th. A very interesting sermon was preached by the presiding elder. Contribution, $24.50. * * Elder Hillman preached at the Missionary Baptist church Tuesday night to a large audience. * * Farmers are busy sowing oats and preparing the ground for a new crop. * * The following is a list of colored farmers of Franklin county: D. A. Townsend, Aaron Simmons, Levi Trimbles, Dave Bone, Dennis Townsend, A. H. Eldridge, E. F. Norris, Walker Gray, T. J. Townsend, Joe Mason, Jesse Horton and a number of others. * * Great interest is taken by citizens in education

GEORGE BAILEY.

GEORGE BAILEY,

Trombone Soloist, with Jno. W. Vogel's Famous Concert Band.

Speaking of the great success of Jno. W. Vogel's Darkest America—During its three nights engagement at the Park last week, we wish to call the special attention of our readers to the above familiar face, which in no sense of the word, needs any real introduction to the thousands of our patrons. Like that instilling beverage, which after age has passed sufficiently upon it and that in serviceable return it finds no sane difficulty in producing the effects for which its maker has designed it, thus it is, and thus it can be said in every sense of the word of that soul inspired genius of one of the grandest gifts of our Almighty Creator; not the greatest, in the world, but only among the foremost of America. Mr. Baily as a trombone soloist, comprises the alphabet distinctively, from A. to Z. When we say trombone soloist, we havn't the remotest intentions of robbing our innocent readers of their most valuable time in a lengthy eulogy on that anti-bellum bell-bursting manner of riding that grand instrument unknowingly into the many wilds of musical uncertainties, but in the tone of Mahammed as his stentorian voice eged out to the multitudes of his sole reign, we wish to express and emphatically impress upon the minds of those now within our hearing, the material difference between the trombone playing of to-day, as is compared with that of yesterday. And as we said in the beginning, like the wine, Mr. Bailey is possessed with sufficient experience in every particular to explain to the world, the great difference. But not, in that embarrassing form of speech by which we hope his better form of judgment may not be alienated, but in that more fancied, much higher and most modest form of explanation, an exhibition. The above cadenza was extracted from Mr. Bailey's solo by our special correspondent during the concert given at this office by his band last week. Mr. Bailey executes this cadenza in the sixth position only, and the perfection of execution, combined with those velvet tones so seldom heard on that instrument, is certainly a treat. Mr. Bailey as a gentleman, is modest and in no wise assuming and commands the respect of all his associates, as well as the attention of his hearers. Mr. Bailey is this season with Jno. W. Vogel's Famous Concert Band, and is the watch-word of the thousands who crowd around to witness their grand concerts. Mr. Bailey is no hurrah player, no bell-burster, nor a tone-destroyer, but a perfect executor of some of the grandest musical effects, ever witnessed on such an instrument.



Bailey's Cadenza made in the 6a Position on the Slide Trombone.

News in General.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—A number of young people have organized a Fortnightly Literary Club. The object of the club is to read the best authors and discuss their works. The club numbers about twenty members. The following is the stall of officers: C. T. Dodson, president; Florence Hund, vice-president; Mayme Carter, secretary; J. E. West, treasurer; J. R. Walker, critic; J. R. Hurst, chairman of inquiry committee; Frank Kitzmiller, editor of Town Tattler. * * The valentine entertainment given at the Odd Fellows Hall last Monday night drew a tremendous crowd. Both halls were filled and many were turned away. * * Will Hanum was ill a few days last week. * * Gus Smith is ill. * * Mrs. Polly Steptos is able to be out. * * Kyrle Logan died last Monday. * * Mrs. Emmet Goodman is improving slowly. * * Mrs. N. S. Smith is convalescing. * * Mrs. Sarah Cox left for Coal Creek last Thursday, to join her husband. * * Messrs. Lee Stans and Samuel Vaughn visited friends at Clinton last Sunday. * * Mrs. Sallie Williams expects to leave soon for Cincinnati. * * The Ladies Mutual Improvement Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. S. R. Maples, Mabry street, Feb. 25th. * * Miss Carrie Haburn, who died in Johnson City, Tenn., was brought to this city Tuesday morning for interment in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The funeral took place at Logan Temple A. M. E. Zion church. * * Aaron Moore is on the sick list. * * Mrs. James Barnett, who has been quite ill for some time is improving slowly. * * H. A. Russell is able to be out again after a few days illness. * * The Fortnightly Club Program is: Opening, music by the club; An Evening With Longfellow, "Courtship of Miles Standish;" Life of Longfellow, J. R. Walker; solo, Miss Mayme Carter; J. R. Hurst, mandolin accompanist; reading, selections from Miles Standish, Anna B. Davis; discussion, Is the story of Miles Standish fiction; If so to what extent; Priscilla, is her character that of a pure woman? Should Miles Standish have severed his friendship with John Alden because he suspected him of unfaithfulness? Music by the club. Was John Alden a nobler man than Miles Standish? General effect of story, elevating, amusing or instructive? Music by the club. Town Tattler. Adjournment. The first regular meeting of the Fortnightly Club will convene at the residence of Miss Ida Bolden, 611 Nelson street. * * Call at Mrs. W. S. Smith's Parlor Cafe and get The Freeman.

In the Social Whirl.

Hartford, Conn., Special.—Mrs. Irene P. Custalow authorized agent in Hartford for the Moore Co., displays the right kind of tact and ability necessary for a successful agent. She knows her subject, "The Glory of Women," and also knows how to introduce it. The Freeman wishes her success. * * The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Custis died last Monday. * * Mrs. Katie Gardner died suddenly at her home on village street Wednesday. The venerable lady suffered from heart failure and was found dead in the basement of the house. * * The Misses Bettie Christian and Hattie Bailey of Virginia were the honored guests at the tea party given last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Brooks, on the Hill. * * Mrs. Douglass, on the Hill, pleasantly entertained her sister-in-law, Mrs. Couch and others last Saturday. * * The bright and active daughter of Mr. Con Mitchell on Wolcott street was suddenly taken sick last week and the illness is somewhat serious, but we hope for a speedy recovery. * * A flying visit around the hotels found the boys in good condition and the chopping axe resting at ease. Captain Nelson, the popular headwaiter at the "States" has put on a few new men and the wheel of action moves on without obstruction. Mr. John Scott, the popular linen man, has taken an active interest in The Freeman. * * D. R. Thomas' little girl who suffered much from the extracting a rusty needle from her body is now recovered. * * Mrs. J. P. Fletcher has recovered from a severe attack of cold, which threatened serious illness. * * At the last Thursday night's regular meeting of the E. C. D. Lodge, No. 13, K. of P., five visitors from Meridian were welcome. * * The Freeman is five cents per copy, spot cash, delivered at your door or on sale at both barber shops. * * The political horse is in motion again, being driven into every ward among the colored voters. The appointment of delegates from among the colored voters of all the different wards to meet in the convention of colored voters is a good move at the right time. Every ward should respond and the colored voters should work together like men for the common good of the colored citizens. Throw aside petty grievances and selfish aims and plant the anchor of recognition and protection.

Behind the Footlights.

Aspen, Col., Special.—The Nashville students were at the Presbyterian church on the 10th. Every seat was filled and standing room was at a premium. Miss Ellen Watkins, the leading soprano, sang well and the company as a whole did well. The old soldiers and their wives had a pleasant time at the Bean Bake on the 11th.

The contract for the completion of the building for Samuel Huston College, Austin, Texas, has been let.

WORK OF A WHITE MOB.

NEGRO POSTMASTER AND ONE OF HIS CHILDREN SHOT AND KILLED.

A FIENDISH OUTRAGE PERPETRATED.

His Wife and Three Daughters Maimed for Life, and the Bodies of the Man and Babe Burned to Death—Appointed Three Months Ago.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—The most revolting crime ever perpetrated by white men in South Carolina was committed at Lake City, Williamsburg county, Monday morning, when Postmaster Baker, a Negro, and his family were burned out of their home, the postmaster and a babe in arms killed, his wife and three daughters shot and maimed for life. Baker was appointed postmaster three months ago. Lake City is a town of five hundred inhabitants and the Negro population in the vicinity is large. There was a protest at Baker's appointment, but it was not a very vigorous one. Three months ago, as the postmaster was leaving the office at night in company with several colored men, he was fired on from ambush, but it was not known that the would-be assassin was prompted by other than personal malice. Since then Baker moved his family into a house on the outskirts of the town, where he also established the postoffice.

Last Tuesday night a body of men who kept concealed behind buildings and fences in the neighborhood riddled the building with shot and rifle bullets. Tney shot high and no one was hurt, but it was supposed to convey a warning. It was a short time before that Senators Tillman and McLauren and Congressman Horten had asked the Postmaster General to remove Baker because of his color and the request had been refused. Baker did not move his family and gave no evidence of being frightened. He felt confident of protection from Washington.

Monday morning a torch was applied to the postoffice and Baker's house. Back just within the line of light were over a hundred white men, armed with pistols and shot guns. By the time the fire aroused the sleeping family, consisting of the postmaster, his wife, four daughters, a son and an infant at the breast, the crowd began firing into the building. A hundred bullet holes were made through the thin boarding, and many found lodgement in the people within. Baker was the first to reach the door and he fell dead just within the threshold, being shot in several places. The mother had the baby in her arms and had reached the door over her husband's body, when a bullet crashed through its skull and it fell to the floor. She was shot in several places. Two of the girls had their arms broken close to the shoulders and will probably lose them. Another of the girls is believed to be fatally wounded. The boy is shot. Two of the seven occupants of the house escaped with slight injuries. The bodies of Baker and the infant were burned in the building. All mail matter was destroyed. A coroner's jury was impaneled and it visited the charred remains and adjourned till Saturday.

Waiters Scarce.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Drs. Banks and Wade are pushing to the front. * * "Dude" Jones has changed from the Plateau to the Waukesha. * * Hotel waiters are scarce. * * Rev. Jackson preached an able sermon Sunday. * * Dr. Davis and Rev. Nightingale have formed a partnership and have opened an office on Church street.

Cullings.

Easley, S. C., Special.—Rev. W. G. Deas held services at Easley Chapel M. E. church, Sunday, Feb. 20. * * Mattie Connor, the eldest child and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Conner of this city, on the night of Feb. 15th, left her home and parents and her whereabouts to date are unknown. * * Charlie Harvy was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Ellrod of this city Rev. J. E. Washington officiating. * * Mrs. Anna Moon is on the sick list. * * Mrs. Hattie Simpson, of Liberty visited her sisted, Mrs Sallie Williams, last week. * * Mrs. Gilla Pitts is visiting he daughter in Baltimore N. C., near Ashville. * * The funeral services of Mrs. Malinda Connor were attended by the pastor in charge of the M. E. church, white, and W. H. Piskens a leading merchant of the city. The old lady was an ex-slave of the latters parents.

"GET TOGETHER NEGROES"

IS THE CAPTION UNDER WHICH AN INTERESTING AND

Beneficial Article Appears in a Southern Race Journal—Comments from the Pen of The Freeman Representative.

An article under the caption of "Get Together Negroes," which appeared in the "Nashville Citizen" some time ago, attracted considerable attention, not only in Nashville, but throughout the entire State of Tennessee, and other States, and was quoted and commented on through some of the leading dailies in the South. By the considerate, unselfish, progressive men and women of the Negro race, men and women who trust in God and have confidence in the race with which they are identified, this injunction, "Get Together Negroes," was seriously and carefully noted. The question in my mind is, will the Negroes in Nashville or any other part of this country ever "Get together." I am not a pessimist, but judging from present indications, there will be at least several decades before the Negroes of this country awake themselves and realize their true condition and shake off the lethargy which now retards their progress, financially, commercially and otherwise. I have traveled over the United States from the Atlantic to the "Rickies," and from the lakes on the north to the Gulf of Mexico and with some exceptions I find the Negroes averaging about the same in all the important cities which I have visited in the course of my seven years' "road life."

It is true that we have hundreds, yes, thousands of well cultured, refined and educated people in our race, but are they like the Germans, Italians and other races, working together in harmony for one common cause? I answer, no, seriously, no. One of the greatest, if not the greatest, hindrance to the progress of the Negro race is a lack of confidence in each other, and whenever or wherever confidence is lacking there can be but little or no progress in business of any kind. Confidence, which is the chief element to success, is not only "found wanting" in the ordinary Negro, but in those who are dubbed as "leaders," and who preach race pride from morning till night, this important essential to race prosperity is also wanting. By the way, as an illustration of what I have said, there are men in Nashville who have, through the goodness of Providence and the assistance of their race, succeeded in gaining a fair share of this world's goods, who now would not trust another member of their race for the price of a postal card. This a sad reflection, but nevertheless it is true. They lose sight of the fact that they were once trusted by the same people who they now refuse to trust. Some time ago I called on a professional man of my race in Nashville in the interest of The Freeman, and after havnig explained to him all that was necessary to be explained about The Freeman, its terms, etc., he remarked, with a "Big-I-am" air, "you may send it to me C. O. D." Do you subscribe and pay for all of your newspapers on the C. O. D. plan?" I asked. "O, yes," he replied. I remarked to him that he must be mistaken, as all first-class newspaper publishers required the subscription price of their publications invariably in advance, and that if he received and paid for all his newspapers C. O. D. it was an exception and not the rule. Later on I was informed that the newspapers which he received and paid for C. O. D. were the Nashville Banner and the Nashville American, both published in the city in which he lives, and that this was the extent of his C. O. D. newspaper business. Now, here is a specimen of African descent who is constantly boasting of his great (?) race pride, and who naturally seeks and finds a support among people of Hametic extraction, but, like the hog under the persimmon tree, he is content to eat the persimmons and care not from whence they fall. This professional gentleman should know, if he do not know, that if it were not for the Negro newspapers published and circulated in this country in behalf of the ten million people of his race, who are practically denied the rights of American citizenship as is guaranteed them by the United States Constitution, that he would find life a much harder road to travel. I understand perfectly well his C. O. D. newspaper plan. The truth is, the plan is simply an invention of his own make, and by it he cunningly and ungratefully evades giving support to an enterprise thrat helps make possible his very existence. How ungrateful! Our professional people should be made of "sterner stuff." More anon. GRANT S. NEAL,
Trav. Rep. The Freeman, Nashville.

News Budget.

Union City, Tenn., Special.—Rev. A. Poar was in the city on the 6th and preached two sermons at the Baptist church. * * Dr. R. G. Light, late of the Central Tennessee College, is at his father's residence. * * A large number witnessed the performance of P. T. Wright's Comedy Co., on the 9th. * * Rev. J. W. Hall passed through the city on the 11th, en route to Nashville. * * E. L. Thompson visited his father last week. * * The Queen Ester Court Lodge is erecting a magnificent hall. * * Miss Zuller Martin, formerly of Trenton, Tenn., is in our city visiting her brother Wilis Martin. * * The Golden Rule Literary Society, of Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church, elected its officers Friday night, Feb. 11th. * * Rev. G. W. Morgan, pastor of the C. M. E. church, preached an able sermon at the First Baptist church on the 11th.

A Prominent Attorney.

Harrisburg, Pa., Special.—J. C. Durbin, a prominent attorney of this city, is a candidate for select Council of the Eighth ward. Mr. Durbin is very well and favorably known as a man well fitted for the position. He and Mr. Thomas are spoken of as being the sure winners, and all the well feeling and intelligent colored people will line up for this pair.

Mr. Joseph L. Thomas, of Harrisrisburg, Pennsylvania, should be counted among the Afro-Americans prominent in this State. Mr. Thomas is well known throughout the State because of the active interest he takes in all business affairs. At present he is engaged in the undertaking business, being a graduate of several of the best embalming schools in the country. As an Odd Fellow he is well known throughout the country for his general interest and active work for the order, having held the position of grand master. He is at present in line for the grand mastership of the Masonic order in this State, being at the present time the senior grand warden of the order. Mr. Thomas, by his push, pluck and energy, is gradually pushing himself to the front in the lines of business, and is a fit example for young Afro-Americans. At present he is a candidate for the office of Common Council of the Eighth ward of this city, and will doubtless be elected. He will be the only representative of the Afro-Americans in this branch.

WHISTLING WELLS.

Natural Barometers Which Foretell Storms In Wisconsin.

A freak of nature which is attracting considerable attention is a series of blowing or "whistling" wells located in the northern part of the town of Eureka, in Polk county, Wis. There are six of these hysterical wells, ranging in depth from 120 to 160 feet. The one owned by James Coitin exhibits most remarkable features. This well is 120 feet deep and was dug 15 years ago. The first 20 feet was hardpan and the rest coarse gravel.

Before a rainstorm the wind blows out of this well with great force, making a roaring sound that can be heard a long distance. The wind is so hot that water placed on the cover of the well will boil. The wind blows out only before a storm, and the severity and duration of the storm are always in exact proportion to the force of this current and its duration before the storm commences. It is therefore an accurate and trustworthy barometer, or vice versa, with equal accuracy, but remains quiet in settled weather.

In winter a current of air is drawn in before a change of weather just as forcibly as it blows out in hot weather. This current will freeze the water 120 feet from the surface of the earth as quickly as it would at the surface, and, though many attempts have been made to use a pump in the well, they have all failed, and a number of pumps of different makes have been destroyed by the water freezing and bursting the cylinders and pipes.

The other five wells, which resemble this one in many respects, are all located within the radius of about one mile and vary in depth from 130 to 160 feet.

All sorts of theories have been advanced concerning an underground passage, but no outlet has ever been discovered, and if there is one it must be a great distance away in order to foretell the approach of storms so long a time in advance.—Philadelphia Record.

Her Borrowed Plumage.

A Syracuse woman was in Boston some time ago, and she had occasion to get a check cashed, being without ready money. She had no friend who was easily available, but she went to a bank and presented her check. Of course she was told she would have to be identified. The cashier of the bank suggested that she might have one of her cards. She took out her cardcase, but the card she produced proved to be that of one of her friends. This caused her a great deal of confusion, but the accommodating cashier suggested that she might prove her identity by the initials on her cardcase. But these, alas, proved to be those of her mother. Her confusion continued to increase until she thought of the initials on her handkerchief. The marked article was produced to be put in evidence, but when it was examined it was found to bear the initials of another friend. She was thwarted in every direction, but the cashier was "easy." Boston cashiers are apparently not as strict as those in this part of the country, for this particular one said he "guessed" that it was all right, and he cashed the check. Conductors of flimflam and three card monte games are directed to Boston for a good field of operation.—Syracuse Post.

One of Max O'Rell's Experiences.

Once when Max O'Rell was staying at a hotel he had occasion to complain of the marked incivility and neglect of a waiter. The proprietor apologized, assuring Max O'Rell that no such complaint had ever been made before. When the waiter was reprimanded, he explained himself thus: "It's not to be expected that a self respecting Scotsman could wait on him with civility. Didn't he say we took to the kilt because our feet were too large to get through trousers?"—London Telegraph.

WONDERFUL RESCUE.

HOW SERGEANT VAUGHAN SAVED A LIFE AT A HOTEL FIRE.

A Member of the New York Department Who Endangered His Own Life to Save a Guest of the Hotel Royal Who Had About Given Up All Hope.

Jacob A. Riis, author of "How the Other Half Lives," writes of "Heroes Who Fight Fire" in The Century. The article is one of the series "Heroes of Peace." Mr. Riis tells the following story of a heroic rescue at the Hotel Royal fire in New York some years ago:

Sergeant Vaughan went up on the roof. The smoke was so dense there that he could see little, but through it he heard a cry for help and made out the shape of a man standing upon a window sill in the fifth story overlooking the courtyard of the hotel. The yard was between them. Bidding his men follow—they were five all told—he ran down and around in the next street to the roof of the house that formed an angle with the hotel wing. There stood the man below him only a jump away, but a jump which no mortal might take and live. His face and hands were black with smoke. Vaughan, looking down, thought him a negro. He was perfectly calm.

"It is no use," he said, glancing up. "Don't try. You can't do it."

The sergeant looked wistfully about him. Not a stick or a piece of rope was in sight. Every shred was used below. There was absolutely nothing. "But I couldn't let him," he said to me months after, when he had come out of the hospital a whole man again and was back at work, "I just couldn't, standing there so quiet and brave." To the men he said sharply:

"I want you to do exactly as I tell you now. Don't grab me, but let me get the first grab." He had noticed that the man wore a heavy overcoat, and had already laid his plan.

"Don't try," urged the man. "You cannot save me. I will stay here till it gets too hot, then I will jump."

"No, you won't," from the sergeant, as he lay at full length on the roof, looking over. "It is a pretty hard yard down there. I will get you or go dead myself."

The four sat on the sergeant's legs as he swung free down to the waist, so he was almost able to reach the man on the window, with outstretched hands.

"Now, jump—quick!" he commanded, and the man jumped. He caught him by both wrists as directed, and the sergeant got a grip on the collar of his coat.

"Hoist!" he shouted to the four on the roof, and they tugged with their might. The sergeant's body did not move. Bending over till the back creaked, it hung over the edge, a weight of 203 pounds suspended from and holding it down. The cold sweat started upon his men's foreheads as they tried and tried again, without gaining an inch. Blood dripped from Sergeant Vaughan's nostrils and ears. Sixty feet below was the paved courtyard. Over against him was the window, behind which he saw the back draft coming, gathering headway with lurid, swirling smoke. Now it burst through, burning the hair and the coats of the two. For an instant he thought all hope was gone.

But in a flash it came back to him. To relieve the terrible dead weight that wrenched and tore at his muscles he was swinging the man to and fro like a pendulum, head touching head. He could swing him up! A smothered shout warned his men. They crept nearer the edge without letting go their grip on him and watched with staring eyes the human pendulum swing wider and wider, farther and farther, until now, with a mighty effort, it swung within their reach. They caught the skirt of the coat, held on, pulled in, and in a moment lifted him over the edge.

They lay upon the roof, all six, breathless, sightless, their faces turned to the winter sky. The tumult of the street came up as a faint echo. The spray of a score of engines pumping below fell upon them, froze and covered them with ice. The very roar of the fire seemed far off. The sergeant was the first to recover. He carried down the man he had saved and saw him sent off to the hospital. Then first he noticed that he was not a negro. The smut had been rubbed off his face. Monday had dawned before he came to, and days passed before he knew his rescuer. Sergeant Vaughan was laid up himself then. He had returned to his work and finished it, but what he had gone through was too much for human strength. It was spring before he returned to his quarters, to find himself promoted, petted and made much of.

A Bureau of Courtesy.

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CRIME AND CRIMINAL.

THE WHITES AND BLACKS IL TWO SECTIONS—PRISONERS

And Paupers.—A Lie Nailep—Facts That Stand in Favor of the Defenseless Negro—Justice! When? Where?

At the recent prison congress in Austin, Tex., President Winston, of the Texas University, asserted that over half of the criminals in the United States are either foreign born or colored, although these two elements constitute little more than one-fourth of our population. The foreign element is one and a half times and the colored citizens three times, as criminal as the native white. This overproportion of colored convicts is not due, Mr. Winston says, as some prejudiced people in the North may believe, to discrimination by the courts in the South in favor of the accused whites. The statistics show, he says that "the ratio of Negro prisoners, and of Negro paupers to Negro population is very much higher in the Northern than in the Southern States. The Negro is nearly three times as criminal in the North Atlantic as in the South Atlantic, over twice as criminal in the North Central as in the South Central, and three and a half times as criminal in the Western States as in the South Atlantic. In short, the Negro is fully two and a half times as criminal in the States where he was free as in those where he was held in slavery. And the Negro is more criminal as a free man than he was as a slave." A more disappointing assertion by Mr. Winston is that "the colored population that can read and write are more criminal than the illiterate." While 57 per cent. of the colored population are illiterate, only 54 per cent. of colored criminals are illiterate. It appears also that the colored population was one-third more criminal in 1890 than 1880. For this increase of crime among the Negroes, intemperance cannot be assigned as a cause, according to Mr. Winston's figures. "A larger per centage of Negro criminals are total abstainers from liquor and a smaller percentage are drunkards," he says, "than in any other element of the population, excepting the Chinese and Japanese, but a larger percentage are enrolled as moderate or occasional drinkers than in any other element exceptnig the Japanese."—New York Post.

Mr. Winston, president of The Texas State University, has told the black lie of the century. The entire affair is one of speculation, guessed at random, and even granting that his figures are true, what do they prove? Nothing. Is it not a fact that Negroes are snatched up upon the flimsiest pretexts, and hurried off to prison, the gallows, often lynched? It is generally true, and everywhere a notorious fact that where a Negro and a white man are brought into court, guilty, say, the white man's evidence sets him free while the Negro is made to suffer the fullest extent of the law. Where does the Negro ever get justice? When? and how? Could any such figures be supplied to counterpoise this preponderance of slander against the Negro? Yes, there has been more than four hundred Negroes lynched by white hell-hounds in the last four years, and it usually takes from two hundred to five hundred white caps to lynch each Negro. Multiply four hundred by five hundred and you get as a rediculous product 200,000 white criminals in the South unpunished, and yet at large. Let Mr. Winston reckon upon this number together with more than 100,000 male brutes who have seduced colored girls under the age of the law, since the emancipation, and add them to the number of white criminals now in prison, and he will find a large proportion of criminals nearer home to figure on, without presuming on his guessing ability.

This bristled, whiskered upstart of Texas should take a trip to New Orleans, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, New York and Baltimore and inspect the Rogues' Gallery, and he would become alarmed at his lying propensities on observing among ten thousand notorious thieves, thugs, cut-throats, "Jack-the-rippers" and "Mollie McGuires," only here and there a black face. Figures will lie sometimes when a liar makes them do it, but facts stand in favor of the poor defenseless Negro to-day.

M. A. MAJORS, Md.

Chattanooga News.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—The union revival service has clased. The result was 130 conversions. Accessions to the different churches are as follows: Congregational, 17; Presbyterian, 9; A. M. E. Zion, 13; Warren Chapel A. M. E. church, 39; Wiley Memorial M. E. church, 23. * * The Baptists are again in confusion. Their meeting has just closed. They are about to dismiss their pastor, Rev. Griggs, and some say that they are in the act of calling the "Texas Evangelist," who just closed his meeting in that church. * * Allen Day exercises at the A. M. E. church were postponed till Sunday, the 20th. * * The ladies of Warren Chapel surprised their pastor, Rev. J. A. Jones, last Saturday with the gift of a handsome overcoat, worth $25. Mrs. Annie L. Pullen and Mrs. Millie Jones were leaders in the movement. * * W. T. Smith and family have moved from Poplar street to 425 Pine street. * * Mrs. L. S. D. Sessions is expected home soon from Normal, Ala., where she has been teaching. * * Rev. J. A. Jones speaks of having soon to visit Fayetteville, Tenn., a former charge. * * All the city churches are crowded now each Sabbath as a result of the great revival just closed. * * At the ministers' meeting last Monday the following officers were elected: R. J. Buckner, president; J. A. Jones, vice-president; C. H. Trusty, secretary; J. E. Smith, treasurer. * * A bouncing baby girl is the latest addition to the family of Rev. A. W. Thorne. * * The district Epworth League Convention met at Wiley Memorial church last week.

Dots.

Decherd, Tenn., Special.—Rev. T. J. Townsend, who is at Nashville taking a theological course, was here last Sunday and preached at Mt. Olive morning and evening * * Rev. William Simmons went to his charge Sunday, the 6th. He reports a good meeting * * Mrs. D. A. White lectured on the 8th. The lecture was well received.

A MILD MANNERED PIRATE.

An Ex-Clerk Who Joined the Fierce Sea Rovers of the Spanish Main.

"The Buccaneers of Our Coast" is the title of a series of narrative sketches that Frank R. Stockton is writing for St. Nicholas. In speaking of John Esquemeling, who joined the buccaneers and became their historian, Mr. Stockton says:

It must have been a strange thing for a man accustomed to pens and ink, to yardsticks and scales, to offer to enroll himself in a company of bloody, big bearded pirates, but a man must eat, and buccaneering was the only profession open to our ex-clerk. For some reason or other, certainly not on account of his bravery and daring, Esquemeling was very well received by the pirates of Tortuga. Perhaps they liked him because he was a mild mannered man and so different from themselves.

As for Esquemeling himself, he soon came to entertain the highest opinions of his pirate companions. He looked upon the buccaneers who had distinguished themselves as great heroes, and it must have been extremely gratifying to those savage fellows to tell Esquemeling all the wonderful things they had done. Esquemeling might have earned a salary as a listener.

It was not long before his intense admiration of the buccaneers and their performances began to produce in him the feeling that these great exploits should not be lost to the world, and so he set about writing their lives and adventures.

He remained with the pirates for several years and during that time worked very industriously getting together material for his history. When he returned to his own country in 1672, he there completed a book which he called "The Buccaneers of America; or, The True Account of the Most Remarkable Assaults Committed of Late Years Upon the Coasts of the West Indies by the Buccaneers, etc. By John Esquemeling, One of the Buccaneers, Who Was Present at Those Tragedies."

From this title it is probable that in the capacity of reporter our literary pirate accompanied his comrades on their various voyages and assaults, and although he states he was present at many of "those tragedies" he makes no reference to any deeds of valor or cruelty performed by himself, which shows him to have been a wonderfully conscientious historian. There are persons, however, who doubt his impartiality, because, as he liked the French, he always gave the pirates of that nationality the credit for most of the bravery displayed on their expeditions, and all of the magnanimity and courtesy, if there happened to be any, while the surliness, brutality and extraordinary wickedness were all ascribed to the English.

How a Chameleon Changes Color.

The chameleon is a little lizard who possesses the wonderful power of changing his color to suit his own convenience. Florida produces several species of these lizards in abundance. This is the process by which the little lizard effects his changes:

Certain colors through the medium of the optic nerve produce a contraction or expansion of the pigment or color cells. The result is a protective tint or one which resembles that upon which the animal is resting. The eye receives the stimulus or impression, which passes from the optic nerve to the sympathetic nerve, so reaching the various series of the lizard's little color cells under the skin.

The pigment cells are distributed all over the body with more or less regularity, and upon their contraction and expansion depends the prevailing color of the animal.

The scientist discovered this by blindfolding a lizard and found that when it could not see the color of the surrounding foliage it ceased to change its own color.—St. Louis Republic.

It Was Only the Old One.

A rough, awkward handed Lancashire girl was broken in by a benevolent lady, who tried to do a good turn for everybody, and in an evil moment she was given to clean two very ancient openwork silver salt cellars with those rich and rare old royal blue glass receivers inside. One was over 100 years old, the other had been broken and recently patched, of which fact the girl was aware. She broke the other old one, and when she told her mistress she said she was "glad as how it was only the old 'un."

A Startling Declaration.

Wife—Richard, I am afraid we must part—

Husband — Good gracious! What for?"

Wife (calmly)—Your hair in the middle hereafter. You are getting bald.—London Fun.

The Mexican torch thistle, growing to a height of 50 or 60 feet, looks more like a candelabrum than a tree. Another variety of the same species has long gray bristles, which give it the appearance of the head of an old gray haired man.

LIVING IN CITIES.

The Apartment House Is Breaking Up American Homes.

I have no mind to harrow up the minds of my readers with any explication of the miseries and mysteries that confront the average housekeeper in the daily maintenance of a simple but comfortable existence for her family. As for herself, an existence at all seems a struggle which at times she would gladly give over. One might define a heroine as the average American woman who does her own housekeeping. But some hint of the unnatural and unhappy state of affairs existing at present may be deduced from the consideration of two economic facts.

First, woman is by nature a home founder and a homemaker. This is not intended as an assertion of personal belief, but as a statement of scientific fact. It was woman—not man—who opened the industrial world. It was woman who made the first rude dwellings and dressed skins and wove textiles for clothing. It was woman and not man who made the first fire and the first utensils for cooking and the first rude tools for industrial ends. All her activities clustered about the hearth and ministered to the home. If the woman and the work had not reacted upon each other so that today women should be by nature homemakers and home lovers, there are still depths for the scientists to sound in the working of heredity and of natural selection.

And yet—here is my second fact—the enormous piles of stone and brick rapidly filling the choice plots of ground in our large cities and shutting out the light of heaven with their gabled tops are mute if not magnificent witnesses to the fact that the investment of capital is all against the perpetuation of the separate home. The shrewd modern investor is willing to put hundreds of thousands against hundreds of dollars that (for his lifetime at least) women are going to prefer the ease of the apartment hotel to the separate house with its privacy, its own table, and—alas—its own service. — Helen Watterson Moody in Scribner's.

THE CARE FREE VIENNESE.

They Rarely Take Life Seriously Unless at a Funeral.

"The native Viennese is a jolly, good natured, shiftless creature," writes Edward A. Steiner, discussing "Austria and Her Troubles" in The Woman's Home Companion.

"No people on the earth are so jolly or so easily and so much amused. Go to the Prater, the largest public park in Europe, and from 100 different beer gardens comes the noise of tooting brass bands and stamping feet and beating drums. Merry go rounds swing old and young, and dime museums and music halls are as full of people as they are empty of decency. Go to the theaters on any night and you will find them crowded by an enthusiastic audience, the galleries filled by noisy students and working girls. The court theaters, which present only legitimate dramas and operas, have also their numerous devotees. Go to the coffee houses, of which there is one on every corner, and you will find them full, especially in the afternoon, with merchants with their noses in the newspapers and clerks sipping their Mocha and officers smoking their cigars and cue pushing and card shuffling youths. At night these coffee houses become the rendezvous of the lower element. I have never seen the Viennese serious, unless it be at a funeral, and I suppose that even out of that he manages to get some fun. Yet he is easily excited, and although loyal and law abiding his good nature may quickly turn into a fiery passion, and a Viennese riot is a serious matter for the police."

Raleigh Finger Marks.

It is now 300 years since Sir Walter Raleigh lived in Ireland, but, according to Sir John Pope of Hennessy many traces of his residence there can still be seen. The richly perfumed yellow wallflowers that he brought to Ireland from the Azores and the Affane cherry are still found where he first planted them, by the Blackwater.

Some cedars he brought to Cork are to this day growing at a place called Tiyio. The four venerable yew trees, the branches of which have twined and intermingled into a sort of summer house thatch, are pointed out as having sheltered Raleigh when he first smoked tobacco in his Youghal garden. In that garden he also planted tobacco. A few steps farther on, where the town wall of the thirteenth century surrounds the garden of the warden's house, is the famous spot where the first Irish potato was planted by him.—Chicago Record.

Cingalese Children.

The Cingalese children are said to be more beautiful than those of any other race on the four continents, and some of the little girls, even of the very lowest caste, are irresistibly pretty as they run before you in the streets to beg. They cry out in the sweetest and most plaintive of voices, touching the stomach to signify hunger in a way that would be awkward and vulgar in any other being, but in them it is so winsome that before you know it you sacrifice a rupee to the bad cause of encouraging them in begging—knowing quite well that all they want is a good opportunity to pick your pocket for more.—Outing.

One of the Blessings of Work.

"Oh, I guess it's a good thing I have to work so hard!" said a brooding person.

"Why?" said the other.

"I don't have so much time to think," said the first.—New York Sun.

The Herring.

A medical authority on the virtues of various kinds of food declares that the herring gives the muscles elasticity, the body strength and the brain vigor and is not flesh forming.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

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THE FIRST COTTON MILLS.

We are indebted to Geo. W. Clinton, D. D., Bishop of Charlotte, N. C., for the very excellent address of Dr. Meserve, at the corner-stone laying of the first Negro Cotton Mills in the country, at Concord, N. C., Feb. 8. Dr. Meserve is president of Shaw University, N. C. Among other things he said:

"We have not assembled here today to lay the corner-stone of a memorial of past achievements, but rather the corner-stone of a cotton mill, an earnest of achievements to come. Bunker Hill monument stands for a faith that proved its genuineness by its works, and the day will come here in Concord, when a shaft of granite will point heavenward to commemorate the fact that in this city there was put into operation the first cotton mill owned and operated by the colored race. And the sole name on that shaft will be W. C. Coleman, the Crispus Attucks of Negro cotton manufacturing, unless perhaps in some obscure place my own humble name may be found, for you know, gentlemen, it has almost come to be a joke throughout the State at large that Coleman and Meserve are the only white men in the board of directors of the Coleman Manufacturing Company. * * *

The embarking of the colored race in cotton manufacturing will be successful. I have faith in the colored race, even, if this individual enterprise, which brings us here to-day, fails, I still shall have faith in ultimate success. We can judge of the future only by the past. That you may undestand how strong my faith is I wil paraphrase Daniel Webster's interrogation. When has it happened that 4,000,000 of people of any race one-third of a century after emerging from slavery, or from primitive barbarism, have accumulated $300,000,000 worth of property; have increased until they number 9,000,000 of souls, nearly half of whom can read and write, in whose ranks are found refined, cultured men and women, occupying useful and important positions in business and the learned professions, as well as places of honor and trust in the community of the State and Nation?

I believe further that the colored race will become an important factor in the development of cotton manufacturing in this country. We are accustomed to associate the colored man with the making of cotton, but he will ultimately become the leading factor as a factory operative in its manufacturing."

The colored race will continue to make the cotton and in time will tend the looms, unless perchance the Northern mill owners discharge their white help and fill the mills with colored operatives. This, however, is not likely to occur, for the vast majority of colored people prefer to live in the South.

For more than a score of decades the colored race has tilled the soil of the Southland and has been the leading factor in her industrial life. Now, when the industrial life is becoming wider and more diversified, it rests with the race itself to prove to the world that it is equal to the occasion. Here in this mill is the opportunity to show your critics the falsity of the statements, that you will not take an interest in your work, that you will not work steadily twelve hours a day, week in and week out, that dissipated habits will weaken your efficiency, and that you will steal the cloth you weave. These charges have been made and they are serious charges, but I believe the race will refute them. This mill, or any other mill, cannot run unless they are refuted. If they are refuted, this enterprise will succeed and be an incentive to many other similar ones. A race that, during a third of a century, and only a third of a century from manumission, has produced splendid types of men and women, who live pure Christian lives in clean, comfortable homes, who have become editors, lawyers, doctors, educators, preachers and business men—a race, I say, that has done this, will not be found wanting in the struggle for industrial supremacy that is now on.

The above short extracts, while they do not do justice to the speaker, yet they give an idea of the trend of thought. These glorious cotton mills the harbinger of blessings to come of which Dr. Meserve so gloriously speaks in all likelihood will play a conspicuous part in shaping the destiny of the race. If such pretensious enterprises flourish others will follow rapidly in their wake. These in turn will set in motion new business notions which as a rule revolves around great enterprises. It seems odd that this business should be launched amid such ceremony. Yet it is the most natural thing in the world—the birthday of a nation's hope.

Next to the emancipation proclamation these ceremonies will stand if they stand for what is predicted of this enterprise. No nation is more completely in thraldom than the Negroes when rights of gaining livelihood is considered.. All men regardless of nationality who have thought on the very vexed Negro problem, are agreed that the engagement of the Negro in industrial pursuits is the panacea for the prevailing ills. Besides it is no new discovery for deep down in the hearts of the humblest of the race it has been resolved that no great degree of spiritual or material wealth can come unless the race be untrammeled in all pursuits of life.

THE EX-SLAVE PENSION CRAZE.

To see hundreds, nay thousands of poor ignorant colored people flocking to the almost nightly meetings held by one Kaigler, and two or three Baptist preachers who claim to be in position to get pension money for the ex-slaves, is a spectacle calling for both pity and condemnation from every intelligent citizen in Macon, the Central City of the Empire State of the South. The story may seem incredible considering the fact that the Negroes have made vast intellectual advancement since the war. But it is nevertheless true. This man Kaigler has by the sanction of one or two Baptist preachers succeeded in deceiving some five or six thousand colored people into the foolish belief that it is highly probable that they can get a pension for services rendered before the war. Rarely a day passes but what you may stand along Bridge row or any of the main roads leading into Macon from the country and count hundreds coming into the city, traveling all the way from five to forty miles to attend the "pension meeting" as they call it.—The Macon (Ga.) Appeal.

Now here is an evil far reaching in its effects. The Freeman tried its best to stem the tide against this species of fanaticism. The world now has a pathetic picture of what agitation in this capacity has done. This government or the citizens of this country have never at any moment seriously considered the proposition of remunerating those unfortunates of slavery days. Yet in view of the hundreds of thousands of dolars being voted to Southern institutions for losses sustained during the war, Congress might as well pension the slaves. However be that as it may it is one of the burning disgraces of the age to delude those who are least fitted for delusion. Such are those of the South who saw service before the war. Thirty-five years added to the matured man does not leave much margin between life and death. Decrepitude and palsied with age these preforce must be; and yet there are they whwose sleeping passions are harrowed up to the point of expectantcy. Those who know soldiers of the war, their widows and children, know the terrible strain they undergo or underwent before receiving the pittance at the end of years from the hands of the government. They know that many of these have been bereft of reason owing to the delays incident to pension getting. If such be the case, where the promise is sure and irrevocable, what is in store for senility and half-wittedness, when the very scheme is a stranger to those wwho make the laws?

Macon, Georgia, and vicinity can gather up five thousand to be fed by speak for the balance of the country? There are at least two millions that know what slavery menas by actual contact. These are also to be deluded. Some fakes are permissible through their harmlessness, others through the lessons they teach, and some are nonendurable oiwng to the misery entailed The pension sraze is of the last mentioned kind.

The Indianapolis Freeman is out in a handsome new suit, looking for all the world like an enterprising beau on a visit to his best girl. It is a credit to journalism, and a demonstration that the people are awakening to the necessity for clean, healthful, up-to-date newspapers. Accept our congratulattions, Bro. Knox, and call on us when you happen in this city.—The Colored American, Washington, D. C.

WHAT HE WILL SAY.

The Freeman wants to know what the colored Republican will have to talk about next fall. Well, he will have many things to say. If he tells the truth some of them will be very unpleasant.

In the first place he will say that the restoration of the protective tariff system, according to Republican doctrine, has brought some prosperity to the country; and although few colored men are employed in the industries which are the chief beneficiaries of this system, the employment of white men in them leaves other places open to colored men. He will say secondly, that in the maintenance of the present gold standard the country has been saved from the disaster of a depreciated currency, and that thereby he has been benefited, as such depreciated currency always injures the laborer most.

Relative to the distribution of patronage by the present administration among the colored Republicans, he not be able to say much that is pleasant. He will say that for the first time in the history of our country there has been an attempt to convert two great colored religious denominations into political machines that for the first time colored applicants for political appointments have been compelled to seek the endorsement of the leaders of the church instead of the leaders of their party; that in the South the one colored Republican who controlled a delegation—Mr. Hill of Mississippi has been given meagre recognition because of his independence, and that Mr. Judson W. Lyons who, taking him all in all is the best representative of the colored race who has applied for office from that section has failed of appointment as Postmaster of Augusta, Ga., because if appointed he would have performed the duties of that office in person and not by proxy, while other less competent men have been appointed to positions equally important, who will hide themselves from public view while white men run the offices and they draw the salaries; and that in the appointment of colored men the good of the party has not been considered, but the number of delegates that can be delivered at the next National Convention.

Although the colored Republicans hold the balance of power in several States in the North and West, they have not been considered because they are not sufficient in number to name the delegates to the next National Convention. The white men in these States name the delegates and get the patronage.

And this is the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth—The Odd Fellows Journal, Philadelphia.

In asking what he Negroes as Negroes would have for a campaign cry in the near future, the intention was to address these remarks to the State of Indiana. But, however, the query seems to fit a much larger area of territory. There is no fault to be found with the general principal of the party as set in motion at St. Louis. The good derived from the operation of such measures is not to be confined to any man or any set of men. Democrats, Populists, Republicans, or what not, are equally benefitted or equally injured by the carrying out of these policies. That question put, however, was in a more restrictive sense. The Negro claims his share of benefits, blessings or curses in a general way like the remainder of the people. But from a party standpoint what have they to say? What have the States to say that contribute so much to results that tell rather than speculative results?

The Freeman need not answer these questions. The Journal has been amply explicite on these points.

So far as Indiana is concerned, she is simply not recognized at all in that sense that the administration is straining every nerve to carry out in the South. The party workers, those who can manipulate things to "set up" a convention are being installed weekly, all of which would be eminently fitting, was it not for the fact that in these appointments in the South the whole country is supposed to jubilate at the attentions shown colored men. No further argument is needed on that head as a wayfaring man need not err. Such a drastic comment as given by the Journal was quite unexpected, but the North is amazed at the administrative prodigality South in contradistinction of the niggardly methods pursued in the North.

THE MUNCIE CIRCULAR LETTER

A circular letter originating in Muncie, Ind., and bearing the signatures of O. L. Smies, Pres., and F. Fossett, Secy., is being circulated generally through the State. It reads as follows: "We the members of the Colored Political and Industrial Association League representing three hundred voters from a conservative estimate do pledge our hearty support in aid of your candidacy. In consideration that you use your influence in securing recognition for our people in proportion to our voting power." These circular letters are being sent to the avowed or prospective candidates for Congress, and for State and municipal offices. Thus it is seen a little speech, perhaps no larger than the metaphorical man's hand hovers on the political horizon. What it all portends is quite undecipherable at this time. But to say the least, the movement is not to be set down as a passing spasm for it may mean more. It is always the last straw that breaks the camel's back. Has the last straw been laid? We see nothing to condemn in the actions of the men of Muncie and vicinity. Taxation without representation is responsible for free America. There are some things expected in te course of political affairs that the most ingenious cannot always explain away. Maltreatment of contending forces must not become popular no matter who utters the proclamation to annihilate political aspirants should not become the creed of any political organization in any country where the people rule. The power to break political contracts as such things tacitly go will not reside always on one side. In Republics the people are king.

PROF. WASHINGTON'S ATTACK.

A resolution tendering the sympathy of the convention to the textile workers of the North and promising to render all possible assistance in case of a strike, was adopted by the Federation of Labor to-day.

The Negro question occupied the major portion of the afternoon session, and a heated discussion was brought on by a resolution introduced by Henry Lloyd reaffirming the declaration of the federation that all labor without regard to color, is welcome to its ranks, denouncing as untrue in fact the reported statements of Booker T. Washington, that the trade unions were placing obstacles in the way of the material advancement of the Negro, and appealing to the records of the federation conventions as complete answers to such false assertions. The resolution was adopted.

The above report appearing in the State Register, of Des Moinies, Iowa, on December 17, 1897. Therein is an attempt to put itself, the Federation of Labor, on record as friendly to the Negroes in labor matters.

It is known that this organization when in convention in Nashville, Tenn., did go so far as to make friendly overtures to Negro labor, but it was on paper merely. Even at that it was a terrific struggle and a shiver was sent down the spinal column of the organization. It is not fair to assume that because these words were uttered that the same hostile front is not presented. It may have been a vast concession on part of the organization even to have conceded that much. But "fine words butters no parsnips," to use Mr. Carlyle.

What is wanted is an actual living reality; not hypocrisy and cant. When Negroes can be employed alongside white men in all pursuits without protest, then comes the long prayed for millenium. If the resolutions of the Federation of Labor cannot bring such conditions about; it would be far better that they were not extant. For it simply means the enemy has stolen the thunder.

Mr. Washington is justified in his position. He needs no vindication other than the living present.

THE SEPARATE COACH.

The Separate Coach bill of South Carolina is as follows:

Section 1. That all railroads or railroad companies engaged in this State as common carriers of passengers for hire shall furnish separate apartments in first class coaches or separate first-class coaches for the accommodation of white and colored passengers: Provided, equal accommodation shall be supplied to all persons, without distinction of race, color or previous condition, in such coaches.

Section 2. That any first-class coach of such carrier of passengers may be divided into apartments, separated by a substantial partition, in lieu of separate coaches.

The lamentable thing of this whole business is that at this remote period from the days of slavery, that the necessity for such a law even in its modified form should arise. Modified form is good since the face of the proposed measures have in view the providing of equal accommodations, since some States that maintain the iniquity do not have laws that provide for equal accommodations, or if they do the laws are violated with impunity. South Carolina makes a pretense of virtue by inserting the phrase equal accommoda tions, which to soulless corporations means simply nothing. It may not be the spirit to prejudice the case, but the slips in the law are notorious at times. It would be an extremely hard matter to prove a man was not equally accommodated. And what have you then? You have the Simon pure jim-crow car, nothing more nor less. It is little by little that the liberties of the people are stolen.

The Battle Ship Maine is the main happening in the world for the last several days. Human nature loathes to believe that this superb war ship with its load of human freight met disaster by design. Yet when the times are studied and the proverbial treachery of the Spaniard is considered, mans' mind is as likely to swing in one direction as in the other. The loss of such a magnificent ship cannot in no manner be considered a small incident. Whether the destruction came by design or accident it will have a decided effect on the Cuban war.

Amid the hurly-burly of office getting, a very precious lettle attention is being paid to Abraham Lincoln whose birthday was so generally celebrated by the white people. The tendency to forget these great epochs in the history of Negroes in America is not inspiring. The North as a rule failed to give the day the consideration due it. A Douglass Day and a Lincoln day should fade out of remembrance only when the Negro race fades into the Caucasion. Even then it would not be amiss to note these very eminent pilots who so largely shaped a nation's career.

Weekly Pickings.

Meridian, Miss., Special.—Miss Johnnie Sanders will lead the B. Y. P. U. at New Hope Sunday. * * Rev. Watson preached at New Hope last Sunday at 3:30. * * Hon. J. C. Hill addressed the B. Y. P. U. last Sunday. * * Lieut. B. F. Hoyt and wife attended the Woman's Home Missionary Society at New Hope last Sunday. Mrs. Hoyt addressed the society after which the president, Mrs. Forkner, spoke. Another meeting will be held March 3. * * Sanford Houston committed suicide on the 19th, using a double-barreled shot gun to do the act. Houston was formerly yardmaster of the O. & M. * * Benj. Johnson, of Memphis, was in the city Thursday, the 17th. * * The Freeman is well liked here. Mr. George Carter comes eight miles to get a copy. * * Rev. C. L. Harris gave a very instructive address at the Christian Endeavor Society on Sunday evening, the 20th, at the Congregational church. Mr. Dan Brown led the meeting. * * Miss Mattie Arrington, of Hattisburg, visited our city recently. * * Mrs. L. V. Buckley is teaching school at Hattisburg. * * Miss Clara Hobson, who has been visiting in Arkansas, has returned to the city. * * Bob Miller, who has been quite sick is improving. * * The First church, under the pastorate of Rev. S. A. Riven, is building a beautiful church on Thirteenth street and Thirtieth avenue. Messrs. Sam Crawford, Jr., and Sam Chapman are the contractors. * * Mrs. A. Foster has been quite sick. * * The revival that commenced at the St. Paul M. E. church Sunday night, Feb. 13th, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. J. C. Hibbler, is being largely attended eahc night. * * Mrs. D. A. Cosby, who has been quite suck for some time, is improving slowly. * * W. M. Shoemaker has enlarged his store on Eleventh street, and has moved his family there. * * Quite a good number of colored people have left the city the past week to take in the festivities at Mobile, New Orleans and Vicksburg. * * Rev. N. Winston, of Gainesville, Ala., preached a special sermon at St. John's Baptist church east of the city Sunday afternoon at 3.

Picked up in Passing.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.—Charles Davis of Champaign, Ill., is in the city the guest of his wife and son. * * Rev. S. S. Oliver, of Carmi, was among the visitors here last Sunday. * * The matinee given by Emanuel Owsly and others was a grand affair. George Standard drew the lucky ticket and was awarded the prize ring. * * Rev. Philips, the Baptist missionary of Golconda who held a very spirited ten days' series of meetings at the Baptist church, returned home last Monday. * * Mrs. Will Caliway, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Centralia, returned Friday. * * Rev. W. A. Browder preached a very able sermon at the C. M. E. church Sunday evening. * * A. L. Summers removed his family to this city last week. Mr. Summers purchased property here on Elm street some weeks since. * * Mrs. Atlass Baylass, Sr., has been quite sick for the past month. * * Rev. R. R. Howard made a business trip to Belleville and St. Louis last week. * * Al. Standard is able to be out again. * * W. B. Boddie, the genial tonsoralist of South Union street, is making rapid progress, and gaining a host of friends in his profession. * * The school board, patrons, and friends of the colored school are cordially invited to visit the joint meeting of the Douglass Literary Society Friday afternoon. Under the supervision of Miss Barbara Ella Slaughter, the president, the society is rapidly improving in oratory and elocution. * * G. W. Beachamp, the president of the C. M. E. church choir, assisted by Miss G. W. Beachamp entertained the choir from 8 till 1 o'clock Wednesday evening, at their beautiful home on Snow Flake hill. Mr. and Mrs. Beachamp spared no pains to make this event one of social merit, and it was looked forward to with much pleasure.

West Side News.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—The pastor of Providence Baptist church has begun a rally which will end in the course of three months. Prayer meeting was led Friday evening by three young converts of this church. * * There was a mask social given at St. Stephens A. M. E. church valentine's night, and also one at the homes of Mrs. Ralls, and Mrs. Johnson, for the benefit of Providence Baptist church. * * Mr. Brown is on the sick list. * * The second quarterly meeting of St. Stephen's A. M. E. church will be the first Sunday of March. * * The famous Winslow Sisters will appear in music and Delsarte Thursday night, February 24, at St. Stephen's A. M. E. church. The funeral of Mr. Hill took place Monday afternoon. * * Christian work is progressing.

A Reliable Acquaintance.

January, 1898.—Editor The Freeman: Enclosed find pay for this year's subscription to Freeman. So old and reliable acquaintance, so unswervering an advocate of the rights of the Afro-American cannot be easily dispensed with. Yours,

D .A. Straker, Detriot, Mich.

A Valentine Party.

Snell, Tenn., Special—The Valentine party given by Miss Emma C. Haynes and Miss Polly Smith at the residence of Rev. R. Houses, was a decided success. Miss Polly Smith was the accompanist for the evening. Much amusement was afforded by the play "in the well."

The Grim Monster-Notes.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.—On last Friday, Feb. 18, death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Turner and called away their baby. The Freeman extends sympathy. * * Miss Maybelle Jackson, one of the Freeman readers, is quite sick at this writing. * * R. T. Jackson left last Saturday for Birmingham, Ala. * * Miss Leola King is on the sick list. * * Miss E. V. Vandross is the sick list. * * Mrs. Genia Johnson is reported better. * * All the churches were well attended last Sunday. * * The Friendly Aid Society is moving along nicely under the management of J. E. Lucas. * * Dr. N. Nesbitt, the dentist of Montgomery, Ala., will be in this city in a few days. * * There was a mistake in last week's news concerning the officers of the Christian Endeavor. The officers are as follows: Mr. Jas. W. Fisher, president; Miss Seluda Simmons, vice president; Miss Alice Jackson, secretary. * * The young men of this city are becoming interested in reading the Freeman. Messrs Wm. Battle, Willie Comer, Scott Lawson and Willie Sherman are great admirers of the Freeman. * * What has become of the literary society? * * The Christian Endeavor had an interesting meeting last Sunday evening at St. Luke A. M. E. church. * * Subscribe for the Freeman, $1.50 a year, 6 months, 85 cents; 3 months, 60 cents, W. H. Wallace agnet. * * Messrs Scott Lawson and Walter Haddox spent last Sunday at Holy Neck Baptist church. * * J. E. Maddox closed his school at Hawkinsville, Ala., last Thursday.

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From Across the "Pond."

Ellesmere School, Harrogate, Eng-Esq., care "The Freeman," Indianapolis, Ind., U. S. A.: Dear Sir—Illness kept me from sending in the money I owe The Freeman before this date. I lost the bill which you sent me. I am told that a dollar is now worth four shillings and a penny, English money: I send you herein twelve shillings, which will pay off my back debt of last year, and at least six months of this year. Please be so kind as to let me know how we stand. I will try to be up to date in my future payments to The Freeman. I will be sending you an article ere long. It pleases me to see the great progress The Freeman is making. I am very sorry not to have succeeded in getting English subscribers, but I shall not give up hopes of finding some yet; my personal friends are very glad to read my copies, and some look forward to their arrival with as much eagerness as I do.

With very best regards, I remain, yours very truly, Thomas Rutling.

Mr. Dix Dead.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.—John Dix died at his home February 20. Mr. Dix received a blow from a piece of kindling a few weeks ago, and from this he never recovered. * * Mr. Bob Elder died at his home near the passenger depot, Feb. 20th. * * Dr. Sempkins who has been sick several weeks is improving and is able to be out.

A BLACK SKIN REMOVER.

The Need Not Complain Any Longer of Black Skin.

This preparation, if used as directed, will turn the skin of a black person four or five shades whiter, and that of mulattoes perfectly white. It also removes wrinkles from the face and makes the skin beautiful. Any person using it can see the result in forty-eight hours.

It does not turn the skin in spots, but bleaches out white. It is a very good thing for weak eyes if allowed to get in the eye while washing the face.

One box of this preparation is all that is required, if used as directed, the skin remaining beautiful without continual use, and is perfectly harmless.

Direction and preparation will be sent to any address on receipt of $2.00 or C. O. D.

THOMAS BEARD,

122½ W. Broad Street, Richmond, Va.

WANTS:

☞All advertisements under this heading will be published for five cents per line for each insertion.

WANTED—Position in photographic studio. Can oper-te, print, tone, retouch and do carbon and relief work. Reference given. Address: Mary Flenoy, 183 W. Harrison street, Danville, Ill.

WANTED—A lady of good character and business dispositions with $50. to buy a share in a dressmaking, hair and complexion parlors, also a millinery department. Would prefer one having experience in one of the above mentioned trades. Address for particulars Mrs H. Davis, 202 E. Okla avenue, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

WANTED—SOUBRETTES. A Comedian of reputation wants to hear at once from ambitious soubrettes. No objection to talented amateurs. Must be young, complexion light, weight not over 116, good dresser on and off the stage. Photographs solicited and will be cheerfully returned unharmed. Address: Comedian, care P. G. Lowery, Reece, Kans.

WANTED—Male and female agents everywhere to handle Our FREDERICK DOUGLASS picture, size 22x28. This picture is a work of art, and the best seller ever placed on the market. Send 15c in stamps with which to pay postage on one copy, with prospectus and instructions, and we will forward to your address a complete outfit, address: The Freeman, Indianapolis, Indiana.

"Big Sensation," Brooklyn this week.

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Washburns' Big Double Minstrels are at Holyoke, Mass., to-day.

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"Darkest America" will open at Havlin's Theater, St. Louis, week of 27.

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Miss Mattie Wilkes is with Eaton and Weathers' Colored Sports aggregation.

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Al Field's Negro Minstrels are playing to crowded houses in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Isham's "Octoroons" are playing to fine business in Washington, D. C., this week.

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"Trip to Coontown," company are playing to fine business through the province of Canada.

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"Little Squirrel" sends regards to "Big Squirrel," of Richards and Pringle's Georgia Minstrels.

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"I Don't Like No Cheap Man" written by Williams and Walker, has caught on in great shape.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lucas are filling a three weeks' engagement in Chicago, meeting with great success.

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Hyers' Colored Comedy Co., are meeting with great success through Iowa. They are booked to appear at Osceola, Ia., Feb. 25-26.

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P. G. Lowery, bandmaster with Wright's Nashville Students, was presented with a gold headed cane, by his admirers in Memphis, Tenn., recently.

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Harry and Bessie Gillam, of Wright's Nashville Students, made a big hit at the Auditorium, Memphis, Tenn., recently in their new act, "Don't Do It."

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W. W. Walker, of Sol White's Concert Band, in the Sells' Bros.' circus, joined Richards and Pringles Georgia Minstrels, at Ponca City, O. T., to play bass drum in the band.

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The Colored Sports, which includes Harry Eaton, Alf Weathers, Billy Wilson, Miss Mattie Wilkes, the Unique Quartette, and others were on the bill at Huber's Palace Museum, New York city, last week.

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In our last issue we made a mistake which we wish to correct. We stated that "Billy Kersands would introduce Green's latest song, 'If I ever lay my hand upon that gal,'" It was written by Hillman and Perrin instead of J. Ed. Green.

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Mr. I. N. Smith, tenor soloist, with the famous Georgia Minstrels, is featuring Ed Conway's song "Missing from Home," which is a hit in the introduction alone. Professional copies can be ordered by addressing Northern Music Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

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Mr. Frank M. Hailstock's two-step, "My Lancaster Belle," with verse by Ruby Shelton, is a howling success, and fast becoming popular. Orders are coming in from the leading music dealers throughout the country. Orchestra and band copies will soon be out. On sale at The Freeman counting rooms. You can secure the piano copies now. Price, 25 cents.

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Al G. Field's Negro Minstrels notes:—The S. R. O. signs is being displayed nightly. Mesdames Simpson and Shelton paid a flying visit to their husbands in Elwood, Ind., remaing three days. Harry Fidler made a business trip home Sunday. Mrs. Simpson made a lovely cake for the boys which was delicious and was received with open hands and mouths. While in Elkhart our band gave a band concert at the Conn factory, and the trombone solo "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," by Fred Simpson, was highly appreciated. Some of the boys also visited the Conn Conservatory of Music and were entertained by a solo from Jules Levy, the matchless cornet soloist. Regards to all the boys, especially Mr. Eugene Hillman. We are delighted to know of his recovery as such young men are needed in the colored profession. We played to such a large house in Elwood, that we had to sell the Orchestra pit and the orchestra had to sit on the stage.

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The Benevolent Order of Colored Professionals, an organization was formed at Indianapolis, Ind., February 19, which will not doubt fill a long felt want among the profession. Its main features are something on the order of the Elks among the whites, but entirely original. Subordinate lodges will be instituted at once throughout the country. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Prelate, J. W. Hunter; Vice, A. R. Moss; 2d Vice, Geo. Bailey; Grand Treasurer, Archie Greathouse; Grand Secretary, S. N. Edmonds; Corresponding Secretary and Journalist, J. Harry Jackson; Grand Organizer, Billy McClain. State Organizer, Henderson Smith; Inside Sentinel, Jesse Ringold; Outside Sentinel, Adam Miller; Medical Advisor, Dr. Jos. H. Ward. Steward Board: Chance P. Jones, James Nicholson, Elwood Knox, Dr. Jos. H. Ward, Henderson Skinner. Members of the colored profession throughout the United States should join this organization. The benefits to be derived from it are manifold. In case of sickness, death or many other things that might arise, when being a member of the B. O. C. P. much relief can be secured. All members wishing further information concerning this may address J. Harry Jackson, corresponding secretary, 318 N. Capitol avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

OSCAR LINDSAY.

The above cut of Mr. Oscar Lindsay, an exact likeness, is one of the fairest and most pronounced type of the abilities of the Afro-American as a musician of this era. Mr. Lindsay is undoubtedly the youngest thorough musician in the business. Born in Delaware, Ohio, Sept. 24, 1877. He graduated from the public schools at that place, at the age of 16 years. Having ranked among the top-notches of his class. For conception, novelties and fundamentalities, Mr. Lindsay, for his age is without a peer. Gaining his

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musical education at the Ohio W. W. Conservatory of Music, where he carried off numerous prizes on execution and conception. Mr. Lindsay entered the theatrical profession in '95, joining Al G. Field's Darkest America Co. So great and pronounced were his efforts as a violinist, he joined Jno. W. Vogel's Darkest America Company in 1897 as Orchestra Director, which position he now fills to the entire satisfaction of the company and its management. Besides from his orchestral abilities, Mr. Lindsay does himself pride as a solo-alto player in the grandest colored concert band of to-day.

MR. JAMES OSBORN.

Born August 28th, 1880, at Salem, Virginia, he attended the public schools at Lynchburg, and at the age of fourteen years he started as an apprentice in a printing office in that city, in which office he was afterwards promoted to foreman. Mr. Osborn was also assistant instructor in the printing apartments at the Virginia Seminary at Lynchburg, Va. Mr. Osborn made

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his debut in the business in 1895, joining W. S. Cleveland's minstreals where he spent two seasons. Mr. Osborn is this season with Jno. W. Vogel's Darkest America, where he is creating consternation as a young musician. Mr. Osborn is very apt and above all a very careful observer and is liable to reveal wonders after his experience with such fast company as comprises this great organization.

Joe Ravizee, tuba player in the No. 2 band with the Georgia Minstrels has closed. Henry Carter fills the vacancy.

GOLDS W. HOUSELEY.

The Queen City has not only contributed to the vocal as well as the theatri-

G. W. HOUSELEY.

cal world,but in the above cut of Mr. G. W. Houseley, is a most conspicuous representation of the Queen City's instrumentalities. Mr. Houseley, being a native of Grandguff, Miss.,at an early age moved to Natchez, Miss., but his abilities in the music world were too advanced for the locality there, hence his parents settled in the city of Cincinnati, where he now resides. Having taken up his residence here in 1890. Mr. Houseley is a cornetist of wide berth and promises to do much in the world of music. Doubling as he does on solo B flat cornet in band and violin orchestra. He is one of the members of Jno. W. Vogel's famous concert band and wherever music is a consideration in the mildest form of expression, he can only be said to be possessed with a natural inspiration.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lucas are playing with their usual big success on the Castle circuit, which includes, Olympic Theater, Chicago Opera House, Haymarket, and others; thence to the Puget Sound and Orpheum circuit, it is stated, at the highest salary ever paid to colored artists. From there they go to England, where they have contracts for three solid months, when they will return to America.

CLARENCE P. JONES.

Clarence P. Jones is a real canuck from birth, having first seen the light of day in Montreal, Canada. At an early age his musical instincts cropped out, and his parents soon placed him under the tuition of one of the greatest pianists of his native home, under whose wing he remained for five years, during which he also studied the more advanced branches of his chosen profession, such as harmony, thoroughbass, etc. Afterwards he took up the study of the flute, and has since been solo flute of the Philharmonic Society, of Kingston, Canada, as well as piccolo soloist of the 14th Batallion Band, the finest military musical organization in

CLARENCE P. JONES.

Canada. Mr. Jones was also flutist in the Grand Opera House Orchestra in Kingston, which position he held to the satisfaction of everybody, for a period of five years. Mr. Jones came to this country in 1895 when he made his first debut in the theatrical profession, joining Al G. Field's Darkest America Co. As a piccolo and flute soloist he gives the whole sidewalk to none. He is too far beyond the average competitors for consideration. Mr. Jones is very much at home on the instrument called the piano and executes in all branches on his various instruments at sight. He is this season with John W. Vogel's Darkest America Company, where he can be both seen and heard. And is a stone wall in the vertebra of that grand concert band of the age.

MR. LAWRENCE E. CHENAULT.

Born in Mt. Sterling, Ky., on the 23d day of November, 1877, and reared in that vicinity until at the age of four years, comes America's premier operatic tenor, in the person of Mr. Lawrence E. Chenault. Much can be said of Mr. Chenault as a vocal genius, which was very noticably displayed in

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the earlier ages of his childhood. He is not only imbued with the natural traits of nature's proud grace, but is possessed of every essence of versatile sentimentality, which so seemingly is characteristic of the successful vocalist. Mr. Chenault gained a public school education at Cincinnati, where he made his first attempt before an audience, singing in the choir at Allen Temple. He made his debut in the theatrical profession in 1895, when he joined Al G. Field's Negro Minstrels. So successful were his efforts with that company the first season that he was re-engaged the season following, where he gave perfect satisfaction in every avenue of his business. Mr. Chenault is this season with Jno. W. Vogel's "Darkest America Co," where he is doing himself proud in the 45 minutes of grand opera in the last act, here he makes his real debut as "The Toreadore." Mr. Chenault will probably be with the Williams and Walker combination next season.

Notes from Richards and Pringle's Georgia Minstrels:—J. Ed. Green is the possessor of a fine sparkle in the form of a one-half carat solitaire. Napoleon Jim Crosby after touring this circuit with the Al. G. Field's Minstrels is answering tremendous rounds of applause with the Georgias. Mr. Crosby is one of many comedians, but original. Wm. Hodgepath is playing to perfection the baritone solo, "Facination." We are playing direct over the route preceded by the "South Before the War" company, and the way the Diamond Quartette and Jones and Williams are taking seems as though there are other buck and wing dancers and quartettes in the "biz." G. B. Rhone, trombone-ist, sends regards to Geo. Bailey. John Eason sends regards to all, and is writing for tuba players, so look out! Chas. Carrington, comedian, is making a hit with the new coon song entitled "Trouble Around a Crap Game."

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Charles P. Johnson, of the musical team—Hampton and Johnson, with John W. Vogel's "Darkest America," is a "natural born sleeper." "Darkest America" closed a very successful engagement at the Park Theater, this city, last Saturday evening, so the boys spent Sunday around with their friends. Charles retired at an early hour in the morning in one of our local hotels after leaving orders with the clerk to call him at 6:20. Being a dull night the clerk got that "tired feeling," and was soon in a very strong doze himself, therefore he overlooked the "gag" in Room 33. Charles awoke at the hour of 9:30, and what he said to the clerk would not look good in print. Lucky for Charles, he had just became a member of the B. O. of C. P. (Benevolent Order of Colored Professionals) and was immediately taken in hand by his fellow brothers, who made it as pleasant for him as they could, but Charles could not help from thinking of that $10 for missing parade which there is no way on earth of getting around. He left for Elwood in the afternoon and caught the show in time to apear in the evening performance.

Pine Bluff Notes.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special.—Fute Flimmons, of this city, committed rape on a small colored girl last summer, sentenced from Dumas to be hung, attempted to commit suicide. * * Miss Julia Johnson, about twenty years old, tried to commit suicide Monday night. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mollie Brady. * * Miss Nellie Harris is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Porter. Miss Harris is from Kansas City, Mo. * * Albert Stockings, the barber, has just returned from a few days' visit in Hot Springs. * * Miss Sadie Battles and father left this morning for Little Rock on a pleasure trip. * * Henry McClinton will leave Tuesday evening for Little Rock on a pleasure trip. * * Seburk Thomas will leave for Little Rock Tuesday morning. * * Mrs. Lizzie Phillips was called to Little Rock on Monday by the illness of her grandmother. * * Met Jones is up again from a severe attack of lagrippe. * * Forrest Gay, D. D., G. C., of K. of P., State of Arkansas, made a brief trip to Fordyce from this city to lecture on Pythian's night on last Sunday and will organize a lodge in that city. * * Arthur Mills was arrested in this city on last Saturday for rape, tried and bound over. Arthur is charged with raping two small girls. * * The First Baptist church of this city was largely attended Sunday night. Rev. O. Bryant preached a wonderful sermon. * * The wife of John Kelly, who was lynched in this city about five years ago, committed suicide Saturday night, and was buried Sunday evening at 2:30 o'clock. * * Miss Ori Cherry the cousin of Otis William, is in the city. * * Rev. Alexander, who has been conducting a revival at the First Baptist church, has returned to his home in Little Rock.

Dots From Tullahoma.

Tullahoma, Tenn., Special.—Mrs. Callie Colston is slowly recovering. * * Mrs. Ida Scroggs, of Bellbuckle, is visiting relatives here. * * Mrs. Lucy A. Davidson is on the sick list this week. * * Elder Reece, of the Baptist Church, preached to a large audience at the Mount Zion Baptist Church here Sunday night. * * A few days ago while cutting wood Johnnie Holman met with

The Negro holds, in the South alone, $300,000,000 worth of real estate and personal property.

ANGELO HOUSELEY.

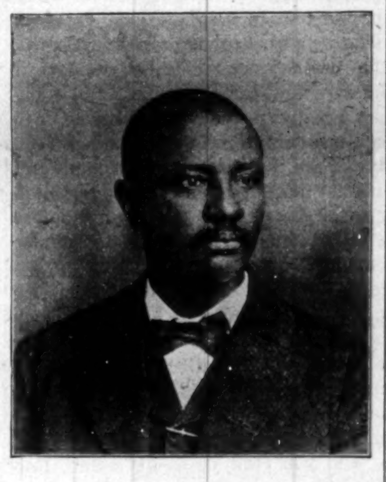
We take great pleasure in presenting to our readers, probably the greatest Euphonium player in the business. Mr. Houseley, a brother to G. W. Houseley, was born in Natchez, Miss. In 1878 taking up his musical interests at a very early age, he was compelled to undergo the general circumstances which surrounds the ambition of the

ANGELO HOUSELEY.

majority of our young men, namely hard work. Mr. Houseley though being possessed with all that was stable and sturdy, backed up by ambition and natural abilities, has placed him to-day, second to none as a euphonium player. Mr. Houseley traveled several seasons withW. S. Cleveland and is this season with Jno. W. Vogel's famous concert band, the greatest band of colored musicians in America.

MR. LLOYD COOPER.

The subject of this sketch needs no special mention to our many readers who keep posted in the theatrical world through the valuable columns of the Freeman. But Mr. Cooper is the one great tuba player of this era and is known throughout the country. He is the main guard in the bass section of Jno. W. Vogel's concert band, and is equal to the emergency in every sense of the word. The Freeman has taken the greatest of pains in finding and presenting to our readers the best possible talent in the musical and theatrical profession and we hope you

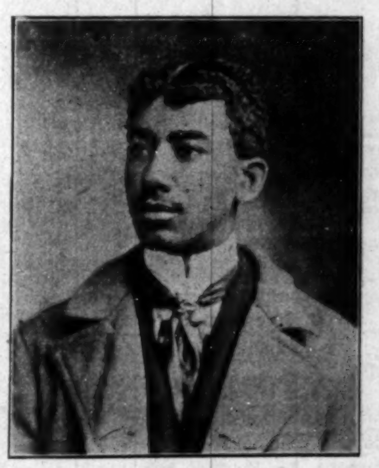


LLOYD COOPER.

will take advantage of same, that you may know who they are, where they are and what they are.

Notes of Interest.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.—Henry Fitzerpatrick is now located at 193 S. Broadway. * * Miss Tennie Southern is slowly improving. * * Robert Thompson has gone to Paducah to join his wife, where they will reside. * * Marshal Tucker has been ill with neuralgia, but is much improved now. * * Emanuel Parker has purchased the grocery of P. M. Rogers on Depot street. He will be pleased to serve your wants. Mr. Parker is an energetic young business man. * * Prof. G. D. Jelkes, the lecturer, delivered an able address before the Epworth League on Sunday evening, Feb. 20, 12th Prof. E. W. Bailey, A. M., read a subject of much comment. * * On the the Pastor." His speech has been the subect, "The Duty of the Church to



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very interesting paper, subject, "The First Murder," before the Epworth League. * * Dr. A. A. Greenlee, M. D., is president of the Epworth League. Miss Camilla Oldham, secretary. It meets every Sunday evening at 3:00 p. m. * * John Fowlkes, proprietor of the Afro-American Tonsorial Parlors, is fast becoming a popular speaker before the Epworth League. * * Ed Palmer has opened a colored boarding house at 151 N. Main street. Mrs. Palmer, the worthy hostess, is a pleasant lady. * * Isaac Fowlkes, who occupies the Burke building, No. 6 West Market, has one of the most popular bon bon shops in the city. He is the oldest barber in the city, running tonsorial parlors for colored patrons. * * Green English has moved from the band mill to Dyersburg. * * Lewis Connell was married recently to Mrs. Harriet Lyte. * * Mrs. Eliza Simpson is recovering. * * John Doyle, of Memphis, is visiting in the city. * * The Burke building is now occupied by a practical tinner from Trenton. * * Miss Emma Richardson and Mesdames Dora Lewis and Ella Fouse, of Paducah, Ky., are visiting in the city, the guests of Messrs. Charles Sawyer and Calvin Baxter. * * Timothy Enochs is putting an extra touch on his new and commodious residence on N. High street. * * Floyd Ferguson is head cook at the Hay House. * * The Dyersburg skating rink runs on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights. * * Subscribe for The Freeman, the only illustrated Negro national newspaper in America; only 5 cents per copy or $1.50 per year. * * Jesse James is now at the Parker Tonsorial Parlors on Depot street. * * Dr. W. F. Baker, D. D., pastor First Baptist church on East Court street, has returned from an extended visit to Cairo, Ill., where he has been conducting an interesting meeting. * * Isaac Fowlkes and Mat C. Connell are two of the most pleasant gentlemen in the city. The cause is bouncing boys at their respective homes. * * Mrs. Cordelia Sawyer has been on the sick list. * * Rev. A. J. Fleming, pastor Salter's Chapel A. M. E. church, this city, is out after several day's illness. * * James Lyte is the general manager of the East Side Star Saloon. * * Mesdames Anna Hautin and Dinah Hautin gave a swell society ball at the U. B. F. Hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 16, in honor of Miss Emma Richardson and Mesdames Dora Lewis and Ella Fouse, of Paducah, Ky. Music was furnished by the Dyersburg orchestra. A gay time was the feature of the evening. * * Mrs. Mattie Collins has returned from a visit to friends at Ramsey, Tenn.

Mrs. Joseph Bonmont is able to be out after several weeks' illness. * * Finis Bonnett has moved to No. 62 South Clark street, near Market. * * Mrs. Della Wynne has moved from Paducah to this city and is located for the present at the Alston residence, 240 E. Court street. * * Miss Bettie Spence, an exemplary Christian lady and member of the C. P. church at Finley, Tenn., who has been sick since October, '97, with malaria fever, died at her home on Saturday morning, Feb. 19. She was laid to rest on Saturday evening in the Beech Grove cemetery. Rev. M. S. McCauley officiated. * * Mrs. Lottie Lewis has gone to Milan to visit her mother, whom she has not seen for nine years. * * Mitch Yanse has gone to Milan after his mother and to see relatives and friends. * * Ruben McElwee, of New Bethel, gave a birthday dinner Sunday, Feb. 12, in honor of his wife. It was largely attended. On Monday night he gave a cake cutting for the young people. * * Mrs. Juda Wynne, of the New Bethel Baptist church, read an interesting paper on Wednesday evening before the B. Y. P. U. Subject, "The Besetting of Sin." Interesting remarks were made by Revs. Nelson Peacock, Edmund Wynne, Ed Fiser and Messrs. Lobe Lyte and Peyton Thomas. * * The officials of the B. Y. P. U., at New Bethel, are Wiley Hill, president; Mrs. Sarah Nelson, vice-president; Dink Lyte secretary and Moses Lyte treasurer. * * Rev. A. Manning, pastor New Bethel Baptist church, was called home on the 12th inst., to attend the case against the L. & N. railway for the killing of his son, in December, 1897. * * The Menzie brothers, Messrs. Wit, Oscar and Charley, gave a grand ball and social at their parents' home two and a half miles northwest of the city. Quite a host of young people went out and enjoyed the festivities of the evening. * * Charley Sebastian, of Gates Station, was in the city during the past week. * * Mrs. Mary R. E. Young, of Batesville, Miss., daughter of Mrs. Ann Walker, will pay us a visit after an absence of eight years. * * Memorial services in honor of the late Jno. M. Langston, A. B., A. M., LL. D., will be held at the graded public high school building, March 4, from 3:15 to 5:15 p. m. Prof. W. H. Fost, chairman; Miss E. S. Greenlee, secretary; H. Clay Walker, Jr., master of ceremonies. Speeches will be delivered by Revs. Monroe, Partee, W. F. Baker, E. W. Mosley, A. J. Flemings, Profs. G. D. Jelkes, Jno. H. Parr, Messrs. S. D. Douglas and Dr. A. A. Greenlee, M. D., paying due tribute to the scholarly, refined and cultured orator, lawyer and statesman. * * Mrs. Katie Cottrell, wife of Bishop Elias Cottrell, C. M. E. church of Holly Springs, Miss., is visiting in the city, the guest of Mesdames Martha Cowles and Harriet Pritchit. * * Rev. N. B. Greer spent spent several days at home during the past week. * * Mrs. Lewis Mose is visiting her uncle, Moses Smith, at Paducah, Ky. * * Club No. 6, Christian's Anchor, C. M. E. church, Mat C. Connell, chairman, has collected up to date $7. There are forty clubs out and each is to raise $5. * * Mrs. Frankie Motley's Club gave an imposing church supper at her residence on Monday evening. Many persons were present and a pleasant time with a financial success was the feature of the evening. * * The club of which Emanuel Parker is a member with Rev. Monroe Partee, chairman, has collected up to date $4.75. * * Smyth Furgason won the $4 cake prize at the skating rink on Saturday night a fortnight ago. * * Misses Georgia and Tib Stewart spent Thursday evening in the city, the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Doaks, on Church street. * * Sandy Yarbrough, president of the Dyer Co. C. A. and M. Association, has purchased the Tucker farm one and a half miles west of the city. * * Wade Watkins, who was caught by sharks a few days ago for $5, is a sadder, but a wiser man. One of the sharks is now in jail awaiting justice. * * Call on Rev. Henry Bonnett and get a copy of The Freeman should he not see you on Saturday. After reading it you will say it leads where others gladly follow. * * The Golden Cross, No. 44, gave a grand supper at the U. B. F. hall all Monday evening, Feb. 21. A good crowd was present and all enjoyed a nice time. * * Rev. A. J. Fleming, pastor of Salter's Chapel A. M. E. church, gave a supper at his church on Monday evening.

T'WAS NOT TO BE!

OR

Cupid's Battle for Miscegenation.

An Up-to-date Romance Wherein the Arrows o' the Little God of Love Often Missed their Marks.

Written for The Freeman by Augustus M. Hodges, (B. Square.)

Author of "Fred. Jackson's Vow," "Between Two Races," "Maid and Mistress," "Mr. John White, Jr.," "The Cedar Hill School," "Courtship by Proxy," "The Biography of Sarah Martin," "Robbing the Mail," "Judge Clifford's Daughter" (in press), "Marion Brown's Home," "B. Square's Bluster." "The Step-mother's Side of the Story," Etc., Etc., Etc.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

By "accident" Miss Brandus and our hero, Charles Forrester Brown, were slated for their summer vacation during the same two weeks; by accident they spent their vacations at Lake George, N. Y.; by agreement they found themselves in the same row boat one moon-light night, rowing upon the smooth surface of the romantic Lake George. It was just such a night as the Bard of Avon or Lord Byron or any other poet would paint with his musical pen as a fitting night for a man to ask a woman to be his wife, or a maiden to answer a sweet "yes." Again our brain will not dictate a description or our pen record; we can, therefore, only say that it was "a lovers' night"—a lovers' special eve, the perfection of Nature. The hour had come, the woman and the man were both there, likewise the opportunity. Did the man seize the opportunity to declare his love? Did he ask the maiden to be his wife? It was a moon-light night in July. The moon—full moon—shone as bright as day; not a cloud in the sky; not a zephyr marred the stillness of the night. The great Lake George was one sea of reflective stillness; no sound save the splashing of the oars which Brown turned over and over again. In the stern of the boat (appropriately named "Cupid") sat Miss May Brandus, her hat in her left hand, her right hand trailing through the water. There was a far-off, dreamy look in her eyes—a love dream look—as she peered into space. There was in our hero's eyes the look of manly love and firm resolution.

"What a sweet night, Forrester."

"Yes, Miss May; more than that—a romantic night."

"Yes, more than that; a—a—well, Shakespearean night; let me see; what does he say,

" 'Twas such a night,
'Twas such a night,"—

"Oh, fiddlesticks! How does the quotation read?"

Brown looked lovingly into her eyes, as he replied: "We both know the quotation, but let me say, May, it was not such a night. This night has no peer in history or romance, in song or story; it is and will be a peerless night created for us and us alone; it will be a night of joy for us, a night we will in after years look back upon with the fondest memories."

She knew what was coming and only answered with a loving smile. The question she expected did not come; we hate to record the fact, but the truth is our hero was a coward, and if "none but the brave deserve the fair" is true, he certainly did not merit the fair May Brandus. His heart failed him at that moment. Just as he was about to propose, his evil genius held before the eye of his love sick heart the picture of American prejudice against his race. It told him that both would be outcasts; that both would loose their positions if they were man and wife; that white society would close its doors in the face of his wife, that black society would kick them both out and—worst of all, their posterity—if they had any—would curse both father and mother, so he did not propose.

Fortunately for him, they were just then overtaken by another boat with persons from the same hotel, who insisted upon rowing by their side for an hour, when both boats returned to the shore. So Miss Brandus wrongly concluded that was the reason why our hero did not propose to her; still hope bid her hope and love told her to still love him.

The next day Brown was himself again and blamed himself for the action of the night. "I will propose at the next opportunity, as delays are dangerous; what care I for the world, so long as I have her love?"

"Shun delays, they breed remorse;
Take thy time while time is lent thee;
Creeping snails have weakest force;
Fly their fault, least thou repent thee,
Good is best when soonest wrought,
Lingering labors come to naught."

CHAPTER XXIX.

If this story was not a newspaper serial the dear young female reader would have long since looked over the back pages of the book to see if Brown married Miss Brandus or "who he did marry, any way." As it is not a book-form story, and as it is nearer its end than it was at its tenth chapter, we will say that Brown—no, we will not break the rule of the average novelist—read the story to its end. Shortly after Brown and Miss Brandus returned from their vacation at Lake George and had taken up again their duties at the clothing store the third and LAST opportunity—the time when Miss Brandus helped to open love's door—occurred. 'Twas at her home, one evening. Miss Brandus had made up her mind to help or at least MAKE Brown propose, and used some of the art of womanhood. As we indirectly remarked in another chapter, if there is any way to reach an end not mapped out in the Bible and there is "a woman in it," leave it to the woman.

It was a Monday evening, a few weeks before Christmas, when Brown called at her house to finish out a game of chess. Miss Brandus, after giving our hero a warm greeting, hunted "high and low" for the chessboard, "ladies and knights," with ill success from the fact she did not look in the place she had hid them. Her aunt and her cousins helped her look for the chess board, with ill success also, as she hid it when they were not around and in a place she knew they could not find it. The hunt was at last discontoinued, and the old lady being somewhat fatigued and sleepy, retired. Soon after Miss Brandus discovered that her cousins were in the same condition as their mother. They disagreed with her conclusion, and although they were in the majority, it was one of the times when the opinion of the majority was overruled. They were sent to bed, filing exceptions, which were overruled. Brown and Miss Brandus were now alone and she at once started to carry out the plot to help the God of Love, and to make Brown propose. Brown, like herself, was a great reader of Sunday newspapers. One of the papers he always read from beginning to end was the New York Sunday Sun, one of the features of which was (and still is) an "Answers to Correspondence" column. A few weeks before Miss Brandus had asked, under a false name, the question: "Which is the engagement ring finger?" Her question had been answered in a lengthy reply in the Sun the day before. It was her intention to wait until her question was answered in the Sun and then the next Monday, while it was fresh in our hero's mind, to make the move she did.

"Did you read yesterday's Sun, Forrester?" she asked.

"Yes, Miss, from beginning to end."

"Did you read the Answers to Correspondents?"

"Yes, from top to bottom."

"I'll bet you can't recall three."

Brown pondered for a moment and replied: "I'll bet I can." As the engagement finger question and answer were the first of course he recalled them." As he looked at Miss Brandus he noticed a bright diamond ring on her finger. It caught his eye as she, as a rule, wore no rings.

"What, Miss May, have you been investing in rings?"

"Why, don't you think it's a good investment?"

"Perhaps it is, only I understood you were not fond of jewelry."

"I am not, still, I am business woman enough to know when I get a bargain. I got this ring at half price and think of making it a Christmas present to a relative in Ohio. Take a look at it, Forrester," she said, pulling the ring from her finger, "and then make a guess how much it cost."

Brown took the ring and turned it over and over. He knew but little of its value, as like Miss Brandus, he wore no rings. The plain silver watch with its silk chain or guard was all the jewelry he owned.

"I'm a poor judge of such things. I never bought a ring in my life."

"Well, give a guess, Forrester."

"Oh, I don't know; five or ten dollars."

"Five or ten dollars! Why, that ring is worth fifty dollars, young man. It did not cost me that; in fact I have not bought it. It was left here on approval, and I may return it to-morrow. I can buy it for less than half the price. I can buy it for twenty dollars."

We will inform the reader who is not well posted in business terms that "on approval" means where goods are left to be looked at or for selection, if not wanted they are returned to the dealer when called for.

Brown handed back the ring, and Miss Brandus with a knowing sparkle in her blue eyes, held up her engagement finger and started to put the ring on the same."

"Just see what I started to do. I started to put the ring on this finger," she said to Brown. The hint at once flashed through his brain.

"Ah, a hint to propose," he said to himself. "Put it on that finger," he said aloud.

"Pray what for?"

"Because I respectfully request you to do so, Miss."

"There its on. Now dear sir, please satisfy a woman's curiosity by answering why?"

"I simply wanted to see how much too large it was for that finger."

"Why, Forrester?"

"For reasons of my own—for reasons I will tell you later on to-night," said Brown with a knowing look.

She read in his eyes that he was going to propose and he read in hers that she was going to say "yes." He advanced and clasped her hand in his.

"May, dearest May," he said and then his evil star shone out and he saw who he was—an Afro-American; he saw what she was— an Europo-American. He saw society's degree and his heart failed him. He was, we hate to record, a coward. If "none but the brave deserve the fair" is true, he certainly did not merit the fair May Brandus. She was leaning against his shoulder with down-cast eyes and therefore did not see the change that came over him. She concluded that it was his emotion that caused the silence and she heard her aunt's voice calling her.

Brown asked for his hat and remarked at parting: "I'll call Wednesday night Miss May with a ring that will fit your engagement finger should you answer an important ques——

"Good night, Forrester, you bring the ring, I'll do the rest."

So they parted engaged—engaged in mind; all being needful was the "official question and answer "yes" in words.

"Oft expectation fails, and most oft there
Where most it promises; and oft it hits
Where Hope is ——————"

(To be continued.)

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JOHN J. THOMAS.

Alexandria, La., Jan. 4, 1898.

Editor Freeman—I find it impossible for me to keep posted about the negro's progress and the vital issues that touch his public life and his weal and woe in general, except I receive and read The Freeman.

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Wishing you and The Freeman another triumphant and successful year, I am,

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Items of Interest.

Winchester, Ky., Special.—A series of meetings are in progresss at the First Baptist Church * * P. Murphy, a prominent young man of this city, died Feb. 8, and was buried from the C. M. E. Church, of which he was one of its faithful members * * Rev. J. A. S. Miles of Louisville, Ky., delivered several able sermons that made strong appeals to the unsaved at the C. M. E. Church. The services continued with encouraging prospects. * * Mrs. L. J. Hutchings was summoned last week to the bedside of her mother, who is quite ill at Hopkinsville, Ky * * Mr. James Baker was buried from the Second Baptist Church last Monday, Rev. H. Baker officiating * * Prof. Garvin, principal of the city schools, was summoned out of the city last week on account of the death of his father * * The Sunday-school Union is doing much good. Let each one in attendance bring their bible * * Mrs. Callie Frazier is rapidly improving from a stroke of paralysis.

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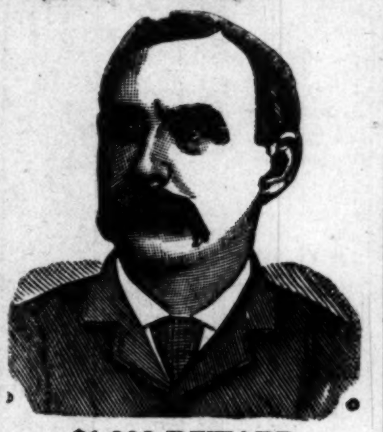

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
2937 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now. came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do. Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
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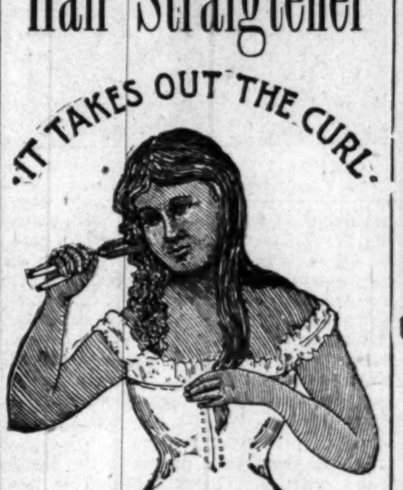

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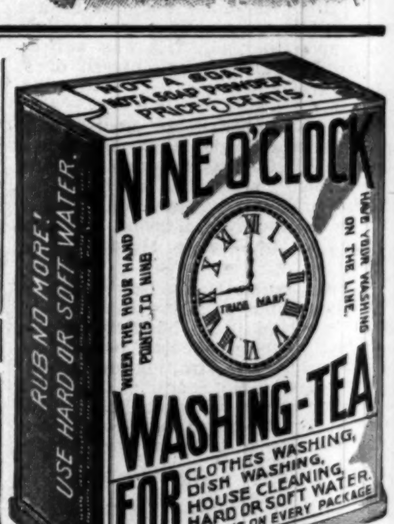

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These words revived his fainting heart;
 He raised aloft his drooping head;
Again resolved to do his part;
 Because he felt God is not dead.

All honor to this noble soul,
 Who went about with noiseless tread,
Proclaiming with a courage bold,
 God is not dead; God is not dead.

Oh, sisters, ye who love your race,
 Sustain the men with heavenly bread,
As helpmeets nobly fill your place;
 For God's not dead; God's not dead.

Ye pessimists, who loudly wail;
 Who to despair seem firmly wed,
Desert at once your gloomy vales;
 God rules; God reigns; God is not dead.

In every clime beneath the sun,
 The men who fought, the men who bled,
Had faith in the Eternal One;
 Felt in their hearts, God is not dead.

The Saviour said, "Have faith in God,"
 The God who Israel's children led,
We're simply 'neath his chastening rod;
 He's not asleep; nor is He dead.

Though dark the night, and cold the day,
 The lowering clouds we so much dread,
Will shower blessings 'long our way;
 So shout aloud, God is not dead.

—J. C. McAdams.

Martin, Fla.

RACE GLEANINGS

The Negro holds, in the South alone, $300,000,000 worth of real estate and personal property.

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The contract for the completion of the building for Samuel Huston College, Austin, Texas, has been let.

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Mrs. Amanda Smith has succeeded in raising $2,800 of the $5,00 necessary to open her Orphans' Home near Chicago.

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The Board of Pension Examiners for the city of Lexington, has been appointed, consisting of Drs. Bullock, McClure and Robinson.

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The Woman's Messenger, a religious sheet, is published at Memphis, Tenn., with Mrs. Virginia W. Broughton editress and a big staff of associates.

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T. E. Griffin has received a handsome gold watch and chain from Lord Douglass, the Englishman whose life he saved in a railroad wreck. Griffin was the porter.

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J. H. Haines, of Jacksonville, Fla., has invented a portaole shampooing basin and is planning to organize a company of colored men to manufacture it. The device has been patented.

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Prof. J. H. Peeham, of Hannibal, Mo., has been appointed by Gov. Stephens on the Missouri Commission to the Omaha exposition, where he will look to the best interests of the colored people of that State.

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Among the nominations by the President sent to the Senate recently were John H. Deveaux to be collector of customs at Savannah, Ga., and John C. Dancy to be collector of customs at Wilmington, N. C.

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Miss Pauline Johnson, the beautiful daughter of a Mohawk Indian chieftain, is a talented lecturer, poetess and prose writer. She is highly educated, polished and recites her own verse attired in buckskin costume of her tribe.

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An American Negro recently died in an Australian mining settlement. He was a man much esteemed by his mates, who recorded their feelings in these words, burnt on a sheet of bark: "In memory of Black Sam, name unknown, a white man all over."

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Hon. Wm. H. Parham is a candidate for the position of appraiser at this port. The position is a federal appointment and it is quite likely that the recommendation of Senator Foraker is all that is necessary to secure the appointment from President McKinley—The Rostrum, Cincinnati O.

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Christopher C. Wimbish, surveyor for the post of Atlanta, Ga., John H. Deveaux, collector of customs for the district of Savannah, Ga., John C. Dancy to be collector of customs of the district of Wilmington, N. C., is a pretty fair recognition of the colored contingent in one week. The President evidently knows his business.—The Rising Sun, Kansas City, Mo.

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The Indianapolis Freeman is out in a handsome new suit, looking for all the world like an enterprising beau on a visit to his best girl. It is a credit to journalism, and a demonstration that the people are awakening to the necessity for clean, healthful, up-to-date newspapers. Accept our congratulations, Bro. Knox, and call on us when you happen in this city.—The Colored American, Washington, D. C.

Dots From Tullahoma.

Tullahoma, Tenn., Special.—Mrs. Callie Colston is slowly recovering. * * Mrs. Ida Scroggs, of Bellbuckle, is visiting relatives here. * * Mrs. Lucy A. Davidson is on the sick list this week. * * Elder Reece, of the Baptist Church, preached to a large audience at the Mount Zion Baptist Church here Sunday night. * * A few days ago while cutting wood Johnnie Holman met with a serious accident. * * Messrs. Lawrence and Cumming, of Indianapolis, Ind., are in town on business. * * Mrs. D. A. White, of Nashville, Tenn., was here last week and gave several interesting lectures. * * The Phylis Wheatly Literary Society met at the A. M. E. Church Thursday night. The subject of the debate was "Which Is the Most Benefit, Arithematic or Grammer?" Master Raleigh Hale and Miss Ethel Holder, the affirmative. Miss Jennie Arledge and Master Eddie Davidson, negative. * * The rainbow and drill entertainment at the Baptist Church, under the management of Prof. John Myers and S. R. Jones, was a grand affair as well as a financial success.

THE SIAMESE GIRL.

Her Garments Are Scanty, and She Is an Inveterate Smoker.

From the moment of her birth a Siamese girl is treated with less consideration than a boy. For several years after quitting the realms of "babyland" she dresses very slightly indeed (I refer more particularly to the lower classes, though the rule applies more or less generally). Next she adopts the sarong, or waist cloth, and on top of this is placed a bright colored scarf of considerable length and breadth, which is customarily crossed and recrossed over the breast and under the arms. These two garments constitute the whole of a Siamese girl's wearing apparel unless she chance to wear a scanty vest of linen. Rings and bracelets are inevitable, provided she be of class enough to afford them, and in a few cases the costume is finished off with a flimsy pair of slippers, into which the stockingless feet are thrust.

The average Siamese girl is an inveterate smoker of cigarettes from a very tender age. When quite a baby, too, she, in common with the rest of the population, is taught to chew the leaf and nut of the betel palm—at least she does not require to be "taught" this unlovely but (if we may believe what we see) fascinating pastime. Since, however, she knows full well that she will be esteemed passee, not to say ancient, at the age of 30 she concentrates the whole of her intellect upon the serious business of either entering the palace or getting married. But if it be the latter, the marriage in Siamese middle and upper class life is the most elaborate function that an English girl could imagine. The negotiation—what we should term the "courting"—is generally conducted in the first instance through an old beldame. It is this old woman's business to discover among other things whether the "stars in their courses" are propitious toward the happy event and whether the respective birthdays of the bride and bridegroom fall suitably to the date fixed for their union, for in all such matters the Siamese would appear to be even more superstitious than their Buddhist belief might reasonably be expected to make them.—Gentleman's Magazine.

STARTERS OF RESTAURANTS

A Business Operation by Which Some Men Make Considerable Money.

"It may seem strange to say so," remarked a lawyer the other day, "but it is true, nevertheless, that there are men in the city who are getting rich by establishing restaurants that do not pay. This is the way they do it: A cheap shop is rented and fitted up as a restaurant at a cost, say, of $250. Food valued at about $100 is purchased, and some judicious advertising is done. More food is sold for the money then than customers can get anywhere else in the neighborhood. The result is a crowded restaurant, though the proprietor is losing money steadily. When he has a first class line of patrons and he appears to be doing a big business, he advertises the place for sale. Ill health or a desire to move south, east or west is one of the excuses. Customers appear promptly, and the proprietor usually sells his place for $1,200 or $1,500, half in cash. His investment has not been more than $400, so he clears from $800 to $1,000. Of course the place proves a failure, and the purchaser loses his money. The restaurant starter, however, moves to another portion of the city and repeats his enterprise."

The lawyer said that he recalled one man in particular who had started no less than ten restaurants in the last six months, all of which he sold. With two exceptions the places did not pay, and the men who bought them were compelled to close them.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The Schoolyard.

To spend large sums of money on architectural beauties and stone carvings of historic ornaments—which have but little attraction for children—to make a school building look like a palace and then to leave the schoolyard looking like a desert or the top of a bituminous lake, without a single attractive flower or one bit of beauty, are inconsistencies which seem possible only in the modern system of education. Weather beaten houses in the country, log cabins on the frontiers, railroad stations in the Great American desert and all over our country have their beautiful flower gardens, and it refreshes one's soul to see them, but there is no such source of refreshment, inspiration and instruction where children are being educated in the "essentials."—Henry Lincoln Clapp in Popular Science Monthly.

Lessen Your Wants.

More of the true enjoyment of life lies in this maxim than is generally thought. We may indeed go to extremes and cut to the quick, like that cynic philosopher who threw away his wooden cup on seeing a vagrant boy drink from the hollow of his hand. But the truth is we create many of our own necessities, and with the growth of luxury new wants come in, not by ones, nor by tens, but by hundreds.—New York Ledger.

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HE IS A RAT DRIVER.

LUMINOUS PAINT SUCCEEDS WHERE BELLS, TAR AND TRAPS FAILED.

A Man Who Makes Good Money Clearing Warehouses and Other Concerns Around New York of Troublesome Rodents—Began the Business In Stockholm.

Haibtues of Riverside drive, between Seventy-fifth and Eightieth streets, on very sunny days have noticed a middle aged man carrying a case, which appears to be about three feet long by one foot deep and two feet wide. It is apparently a black leather case with an ordinary grip handle to the upper part, and the man, seeking some unfrequented piece of wall, generally one of the embrasures, places his case on the wall, smokes his pipe and loiters around, looking at the ever changing river and its traffic. If others come around, he moves on, but if not he may stay there from two to three hours in the full sun. He is a rat catcher, or rather a rat driver. He works only in large warehouses and does not touch the smaller dwelling houses or flats except in rare cases.

He is a Scandinavian whom nothing will warm to conversation but his native tongue. His case is wood on the back, ends and bottom and wire on the front and top. There are neat spring shades which roll down over front and top. In this cage are eight or ten large rats. If any one comes near, down go the shades, but as long as the coast is clear the shades are up and the rats are running around basking in the sunlight. If he takes you into his confidence, he will tell you that it is with these rats he clears buildings. The other day he said:

"When I was living in Stockholm, the large granaries were full of rats, and a reward was offered to clear them. Many tried. Traps were set by the hundred.

"One man built a room as large as an ordinary parlor, cased it with tin and fed the rats with oatmeal scented with oil of aniseed, gradually laying trains of this feed to the room until he had all the rats on a string. Then he fitted an automatic drop to the entrance, and when his rats were feeding he caged them all, several hundred. The first man who did this went into the room with dogs to kill them and was nearly eaten himself, like that farmer out west a few weeks ago. The second man starved and then poisoned his, but in a week there were just as many rats as ever. The supply was inexhaustible from the rivers and quays. Poisoning was no good because of the terrific smell, and so I took the matter in hand.

"I thought it over and finally set a trap and caught some rats. Then I tied a piece of wire round their necks, to which I slung a little tinkling brass bell, and then I let the bell ringers loose in the building they had been caught in. They knew the runs and went to join their friends and relatives, who of course ran from the bells. The more they ran the more ran the bell carriers, until the building was 'hoodoo' in rat language and not a rat would enter.

"If I could have lured back my bell carriers, all would have been well; but, familiarity breeding contempt, the rats grew accustomed to them and in a few months were back again, and as building after building had been cleared by this trick there was not a rat in the city who did not know of the bells. Then I tried tarring some rats with strong smelling coal tar, which rats cannot bear and will avoid if possible, and this answered for awhile, but a fire occurred, and a rat, tar coated, ran out of the blazing building with his fur ablaze and, going into another building not in danger, set it on fire—wood gets very dry in those old buildings over there—and so an ordinance was passed prohibiting the use of tar.

"I had made money, and I came to this country. I did well for some years, but in the depression my capital ran short and I failed; so then I took to clearing business places of rats again and am doing quite well. The first thing is to learn the lay of the building where the rats come from. If a grain elevator is near, clear the elevator and trap those in the other places. Rats very seldom run around more than one building, except as an overflow. Then, having determined that point, try the tar, then the bell, and after that these fellows in the cage. They are coated with luminous paint, and being exposed to the sunlight here can be taken to a building tonight, loosed and will fly through the runs, spreading fear wherever they go and creating a stampede. If you have ever seen luminous paint effects, you can readily understand it. The great beauty of this plan is that the rats do not live more than 24 to 48 hours after a coating with this paint, so the novelty never wears off. It is a preparation of lime, which I discovered for myself, and has to be newly made and mixed like a varnish. This closes the pores of the skin, and after chasing around to catch up with the flying relatives the rat is in a sweat, and that finishes him, and they never get used to it. Will a rat sweat? Well, you cage a rat, and then let a terrier roll the cage around for a few minutes, and you will see a rat as damp as if dipped into a pail of water. I get as high as $20 a month for keeping some places in this city clear of rats, and I work several other cities as well. The only thing I am afraid of is the society (Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), but I have nearly made enough to start in my own business again, and then I will cease rat driving. Sell my business? No, I may want again in this city of ups and downs."—New York Sun.

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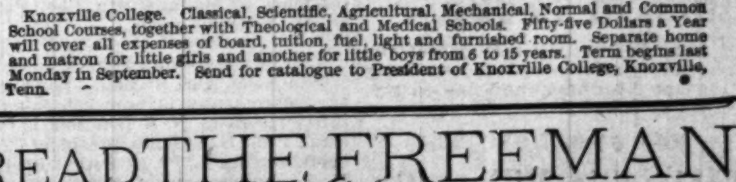

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The Tuxedo Club will give a grand entertainment at Bethel church, March 21st.

Mr. Jas. N. Sharpes, of 318 Bane street has recovered from his recent illness and can now be found at the Majestic Building.

Chas. Turner, of Rochester, N. Y., is in the city looking for a pugilistic match with any light weight. He will fight to a finish, or spar for points for any sum between $25 and $100.

Mr. H. C. Milliken, leader of Class No. 1, Bethel A. M. E. church, wishes to thank the members of his class for the hearty co-operation they have given him the past quarter.

Quarterly meeting services were held last Sunday at Simpson Chapel. Rev. Lynch preached the communion services. Rev. Gillam, the presiding elder, preached morning and evening.

The double funeral of Jno. Turnham and his infant child, of Wade street, occurred last Sunday from Coburn street Baptist church. Mr. Turnham had been sick since last November.

Policeman Lemuel C. Tyner, who rescued Frank Chavis from drowning recently in the canal was presented last week with a fine gold ring, as a memento by Dr. Chas. Chavis, father of the boy.

Wm. Bridgewater was given a life sentence in the criminal court last Saturday for the murder of Ollister Wharton in Woodruff Place, August 15. Bridgewater will appeal to the Supreme court.

Be sure you find the office of Grant H. Clay, the only permanently located colored dentist in the city. Prices reasonable. Entrance 95 North Delaware street, southeast corner Delaware and Ohio streets.

The Progressive Literary Society meets each Thursday evening at Shiloh Baptist church, corner of Walnut and West streets. The programs are very entertaining. Mr. Robt. Finn is president and Miss Lulu May McElwaine is secretary.

Resolutions of sympathy and condolence were passed by the Steward Board of Bethel church last Friday night, to Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Graham upon the death of their son Fred Graham. A copy was also sent to the Christian Recorder.

All members of the last year's Musical Festival Chorus are cordially invited to participate in the coming event. Rehearsals for the present on Thursday evenings at the residence of Wm. M. Lewis, 1956 Yandes street. Other places will be established as early as convenient.

A Donation Party.

A donation party was given Rev. D. A. Graham and family last Wednesday evening. The managers of the affair hesitated about giving the party just at this time, owing to a recent death in the pastor's family, but as many had already made purchases for the occasion they did not postpone it, and under the leadership of Mesdames Hall and Smoots they "swooped" down upon the parsonage and were welcomed at the door by that favorite "Parson's grin," which Dr. Graham can execute to perfection. The following donations were left: Mrs. Ella Rogan, soap; Mrs. William Bell, sugar; Mrs. Alice McDonald, sugar; Mrs. Susie Goens, soap; Miss Lizzie Atchinson, sugar; Mrs. Fannie Jones, tomatoes; Mary A. Halmer, canned fruit; Hattie Sawyer, jelly; Julia E. Robinson, Georgia Porter, Anna Palmer, and Ella Walden, fruit; Mrs. Nathan Pierce, sugar; Mrs. Blair, fruit and jelly; Alice Francis, canned fruit; Martha Hall, vegetables, tea, soap, oranges and sugar; Wylie Simms, potatoes; Mary C. Allen, pies and pickelilly; Mrs. Hunt, fruit; Mesdames Lucy Smoot, Annie Scott and Mr. Charles Grant, two chickens and a pail of lard; Mrs. Spaulding, a ham. The pastor and family highly appreciated the kindness of these good people and prays for the blessings of God upon them all.

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The members of the Darkest America Company, which was at the Park Theater the last half of last week, gave a grand concert in the Freeman office last Friday evening after the show. The great band which accompanies this show, under the direction of Prof. Henderson Smith, rendered several choice selections, among them being "Poet and Peasant," "Faust," and "William Tell" including an euphonium solo by Mr. Angello Housely. Messrs Hampton and Johnson the grestest musical team in the profession accompanied Jno. Rucker in his favorite song, "Just keep your hammers down." Mr. Hampton also rendered "I Don't Like No Cheap Man," to the delight of all present. Fully 200 people witnessed the concert and as many more could not gain admittance. Hon. Geo. L. Knox delivered to the members of the company a short, spicy and well-admired address of welcome, during which he was continually interrupted by outbursts of applause. Prof. William Sterritt followed Mr. Knox, after which Prof. Henderson Smith responded for the band. Prof. Smith is a "natural born" leader and he commands the respect of each member of his company. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed themselves to the health of the Freeman and the universal opinion was "may it live long and prosper."

Allen Chapel Notes.

Twenty accessions to the church last Sunday.

Messrs Battle and Pittman of Greencastle are in the city visiting for a few days.

The funeral of Geo. W. Scott was held last Monday afternoon at the residence of his sister's Miss Jones, on Sixteenth street, Rev. Murray officiated.

William Holdman and Miss Birch were married last Monday evening at the parsonage. The pastor officiated.

Mr. Campbell of Philadelphia, Pa., was in the city last week on business.

Mrs. Martha Brown is on the sick list.

Rev. F. P. Baker went to Jeffersonville last Monday morning to attend a funeral and returned Monday evening.

The missionary society held quite an interesting meeting last Monday, Next Monday there will be a discussion, subject: "Who God Wants." Mrs. Nannie Wright will open the discussion. All are invited.

The Christian Endeavor Society will be led next Monday evening by Mrs. Delmore Thomas and William Watts. Topic—"Getting Close to Christ."

Rev. Baker preached an excellent sermon last Sunday evening.

The revival meeting continues with unabated interest. A great army has professed a hope in Christ.

Organization of the B. O. of C. P.

The Benevolent Order of Colored Professionals was organized in this city last Saturday at 10½ Indiana avenue. The organization has a three-fold purpose, the maintaining of Benevolent, Social and Friendly relations; and as such it bids fair to fill a "long felt want" among the members of the Profession throughout the country. Speeches showing the necessity of such an organization were made by Messrs. Billy McClain, Clarence P. Jones, J. W. Hunter, Henderson Smith, Dr. Jos. H. Ward and others, all of whom conclusively convinced their hearers that an organization of "Buffalos" will not be amiss. Twenty-two men, brave and true, were initiated into the mysteries of the order and successfully rode that "burly" goat. The supreme organization will be located in this city and will be managed by the following officers: Prelate, J. W. Hunter; vice prelate, A. R. Moss; 2d vice prelate, George Bailey; grand treasurer, A. Greathouse; grand secretary, S. N. Edmonds; cor. secretary and journalist, J. Harry Jackson; grand organizer, Billy McClain; State organizer, Henderson Smith; inside sentinel, Jesse Ringold: outside sentinel, Adam Miller; medical advisor, Dr. Jos. H. Ward. Steward Board: C. P. Jones, Jas Nicholson, Elwood Knox, Henderson Skinner, Dr. Jos. H. Ward.

Messrs Billy McClain, Henderson Smith and Geo. Baily were empowered to set up lodges in cities throughout the country.

Personal and Society.

Mr. C. S. Johnson is on the sick list.

Mr. Richard Curry, of Greenfield, was in the city last Monday.

Rev. J. W. Carr is in Louisville, Ky., conducting revival services.

Rev. L. M. Hagood, of Covington, Ky., was in the city this week.

Mr. Elwood Knox is in Shelbyville, Ky., to-day, the guest of his wife.

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Miss Florence Edwards of Agnes street is visiting in Crawfordsville.

Messrs. Henry Franklin and John Moore have recovered from recent indispositions.

Mrs. Leroy Mitchell, of Louisville, Ky., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Felix Davis, 306 Bird street.

Mrs. Mary Sawyers, of Benton Harbor, Mich., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Jefferson, of N. West street.

Fred Fraham, eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Graham, was buried from Bethel A. M. E. church last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Constatine Ruggs and Miss Myrtle Hart will play a violin and harp solo at the 9th Presbyterian church tomorrow evening.

The Young People's Aid Alliance of the 9th Presbyterian church gave a musicale last Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cable, 246 N. California street.

Interesting News.

Demopolis, Ala., Special.—The Colored fire company is now composed of thirty members. N. S. Brasfield is foreman; Prof. U. S. Jones, president; J. S. Scott, secretary. * * At Bethel Rock A. M. E. church, preaching every Sunday evening and night also on Thursday night. Class meeting every Tuesday night. Rev. R. C. Cook, pastor. * * Miss Fannie Whitehead was in the city Saturday and Sunday. Her school in Green county is to last until August. * * Archie Thret departed this life on the 4th inst., age 86. He died in full triumph of faith after being a Christian worker 60 years. He leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Rev. W. W. Frazier preached at his funeral in the A. M. E. church, of which he was a member. * * A brass band is to be organized here. * * Rev. Alstocks of Jefferson was in the city Saturday. He reports his church in a flourishing condition. * * Rev. S. W. Williams and David Green were in the city the 19th. They say The Freeman is the paper for the people. * * Mrs. Savannah Conner, of Selma, is visiting friends here. * * Abe Gibbs and J. S. Scott two leading young men have opened a first class colored barber shop on Strawberry street. The firm will be known as Gibbs & Scott. * * Miss Sarah Howell a charming society belle of this city after spending seven years with her uncle, Mr. Turner in St. Paul, Minn., has returned to her old home. * * The Inter-Se Club gave an entertainment Thursday night, Feb. 17th under the auspices of the following officers: J. S. Scott, president; Abe Gibbs, secretary; W. M. H. Lockult, vice president, and A. J. Smith, treasurer. The club is progressing financially and socially. * * Misses Martha Ray, Florence Wallace and others gave their pastor, Rev. C. W. Wallace, an entertainment at the Baptist school house Friday evening, February 18, which was quite a success. Music was furnished by Messrs. Bryant, Gibbs and Lockelt.

A Lost Boy.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special—A little five-year-old son of Charles Brown of Indianapolis was found at the depot in this city. A card was tied to the little fellow, bearing his name. He was alone. * * Miss Lizzie Williams of Indianapolis passed through the city Tuesday and spent a few hours the guest of Mrs. Geo. Smith and Mrs. Estella Wright. Miss Williams was enroute to Maysville, Ky. * * W. H. Walker has been reinstated as mail clerk. * * Rev. N. N. Farris preached his farewell sermon last Sunday evening. * * Rev. H. Hullman preached Sunday. * * Troy Porter of Paris, Ill., was in the city Saturday on business. * * Rev. M. Jones has closed his revival services. * * If you have not seen the greatest Negro Journal published ask for The Freeman, Robt. H. Joyner, agent and correspondent.

Items of Interest.

Lexington, Va., Special.—The Baptist church has been improved. * * The church Improvement and Intellectual Association celebrated its first anniversary on the 8th. The White Rose Tabernacle—139—and Love and Charity turned out. The following are the officers, Warrice Tinsley, W. S.; Martha Carter, W. U.; Nathan Harrington, W. M.; G. H. Dives, W. C.; Mary A. Harrington, W. Sec.; W. Tinsley delivered an address. Miss Sallie Payton read an essay as did Miss Mattie Harvey. B. H. Laury addressed the audience. Mrs. M. R. Johnson, president of the Blooming Rose Club represented that society. Mrs Sarah Daivs, John Davis, P. C., and Mrs. Julia Hays, P. D., represented the Golden Link Lodge 206. The Rose Bud (children's club) was represented by Miss Mercy Adams and R. Madison. All present spoke in complimentary terms of the C. I. and I. A. The financial representatives of the lodge were H. A. Jimison, I. Hoffman and J. A. Pettigrew. Music was rendered by the M. E. church choir. Rev. W. T. Johnson made the closing remarks. The affair was a grand one.

Rally Day.

New Albany, Ind., Special.—Several of our citizens attended the Auxiliary Hospital entertainment in Louisville last Friday. * * Sunday was rally day at Bethel A. M. E. church. At 3 p. m. Rev. A. Jackson, of Asbury Chapel, Louisville, preached an excellent sermon. The choir of Quinn Chapel and Rev. T. A. Thompson, pastor, Louisville, Ky., was present and rendered some excellent selections. Fifty dollars was realized in this attempt. * * Miss Mayme Mucker gave a pleasant parlor social at her home on East Fourth street Saturday. * * Miss Jennie Keller is on the sick list. * * Rev. Walker filled the pulpit at the Second Baptist last Sunday. * * Mrs. G. A. Ratliffe is arranging a chorus of fifty voices to render the cantata "David, the Shepherd Boy." * * Miss Mayme Richardson spent a few days out of the city last week. * * Miss Emma Harding, of Louisville, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Mira Carter, Sunday.

Grim Reaper—Death.

Chambersburg, Pa., Special.—Eva the bright nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Naffer, died on the 13th and was buried on the 15th. * * Grace, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Minters died on the 12th, aged 16 years. * * The Willing Workers of the St. Johns A. M. E. church gave a Klondyke and valentine entertainment on the 14th. The affair was indeed a success. * * At the nome of her parents Miss Nannie Wolfe gave a party for a select number of invited friends. A pleasant time was had by all who attended. Miss Bertha Morris presided at the piano and dancing was indulged in after which dainty refreshments were served. * * Rev. George A. Brabben of the Presbyterian church started on the 16th for a trip through Tennessee.

Muncie Notes.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The infant of Mrs. Kelley is sick with lung fever. * * Darkest America held forth at Wysor Grand Wednesday, Feb. 16. Quite a crowd greeted this their second appearance in our city. Should they return they will be equally as well patronized. * * Misses Grace, May and Mary Shoecroft purchased new Windfield wheels last week. * * Mr. Colwell and Thatch of Indianapolis are in the city. * * The Terpsichorian Club was entertained last Friday, February 18, by Mr. and Mrs. John Davis. * * The Industrial League is progressing nicely, they meet Thursday evening each week. * * There will be a grand rally March 20, at which time the pastor will be assisted by Rev. Gregory of Portland. * * Next Sunday will be Allen day at the A. M. E. church. * * The concert given at the H. M. E. church last Tuesday evening realized $19.. * * The drill at the Second Baptist church last Monday was greeted by a crowded house.

Third Anniversary.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—The celebration of the third anniversary of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Thomkin's Chapel A. M. E. Zion church Sunday Feb. 13, 1898, was a grand success in every respect. Rev. Wm. H. Ferguson, P. E., preached the anniversary sermon, which was eloquently delivered. The program was as follows: Chorus by the choir; paper by the president, Wm. Smith; solo, Miss Carrie Arnold; invocation, Rev. L. G. Liggin; introductory, B. J. Jones; invocation, J. W. Brann; duet by Misses Massingburg and Chestnut. Collection was $10.37. The text was Malechica 4-2. The church was crowded.

A Thriving Town.

El Dorado, Ill., Special.—El Dorado is situated in a beautiful place, and is a great transient inland town of about 1,800 inhabitants. Its facilities for transportation are not surpassed by any town of its size in Southern Illinois. Not more than a half dozen colored families are in the town. Just two and a half miles southeast of this town at Redwood there are nine or ten families in good circumstances. They have a regular country graded school, with Prof. J. D. Alston as principal. Monthly examinations are held and advancement is shown in every grade. The Freeman should have a circulation here. The past week's issue was grand.

TALL BUILDINGS.

The Skyscraper Considered as a Device For Saving Labor.

In the tall building it is emphatically "a condition, not a theory," that confronts us. The many storied office building is a necessary product of certain economic factors which have operated in spite of the architects, and more intensely in the United States than elsewhere. This is what has made it so peculiarly an American product. Of these economic factors the cost of land, so commonly alleged as the controlling one, has really been the least important. Land in parts of Paris and London is as costly as in New York and Chicago, but the 15 story office building has never come into vogue there, while, on the other hand, buildings of 10 or 12 stories are not uncommon in American cities of the second and third rank, where land is relatively cheap. The causa causans of the skyscraping monstrosity is to be sought in the drive and hurry of American business life, and in the accompanying American propensity to save time and labor. The skyscraper is a huge labor saving and time saving device.

Each building is almost a complete city, often comprising within its walls banks and insurance offices, postoffice and telegraph office, business exchanges, restaurants, clubrooms and shops. The business man can provide himself with clothes, shoes, cigars, stationery and baths; receive and dispatch his mail and his telegrams; speculate on 'change, consult his lawyer and his architect in their offices and transact his own business—all without leaving the building in which his office is located. The express elevator which shoots him up to the sixteenth story or drops him with breathless speed to the basement is a product of this same American haste and economy, and without the elevator the tall office building would be an impossibility. It is the triumphant success of the skyscraper as a time saving invention which has made it so conspicuous and insistent an element in our American architecture. — Engineering Magazine.

The "Hedge" Doctor.

A "hedge" doctor, a kind of quack in Ireland, was being examined at an inquest on his treatment of a patient who had died. "I gave him ipecacuanha," he said. "You might just as well have given him the aurora borealis," said the coroner.

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